

Pay rises at lowest level for 16 years

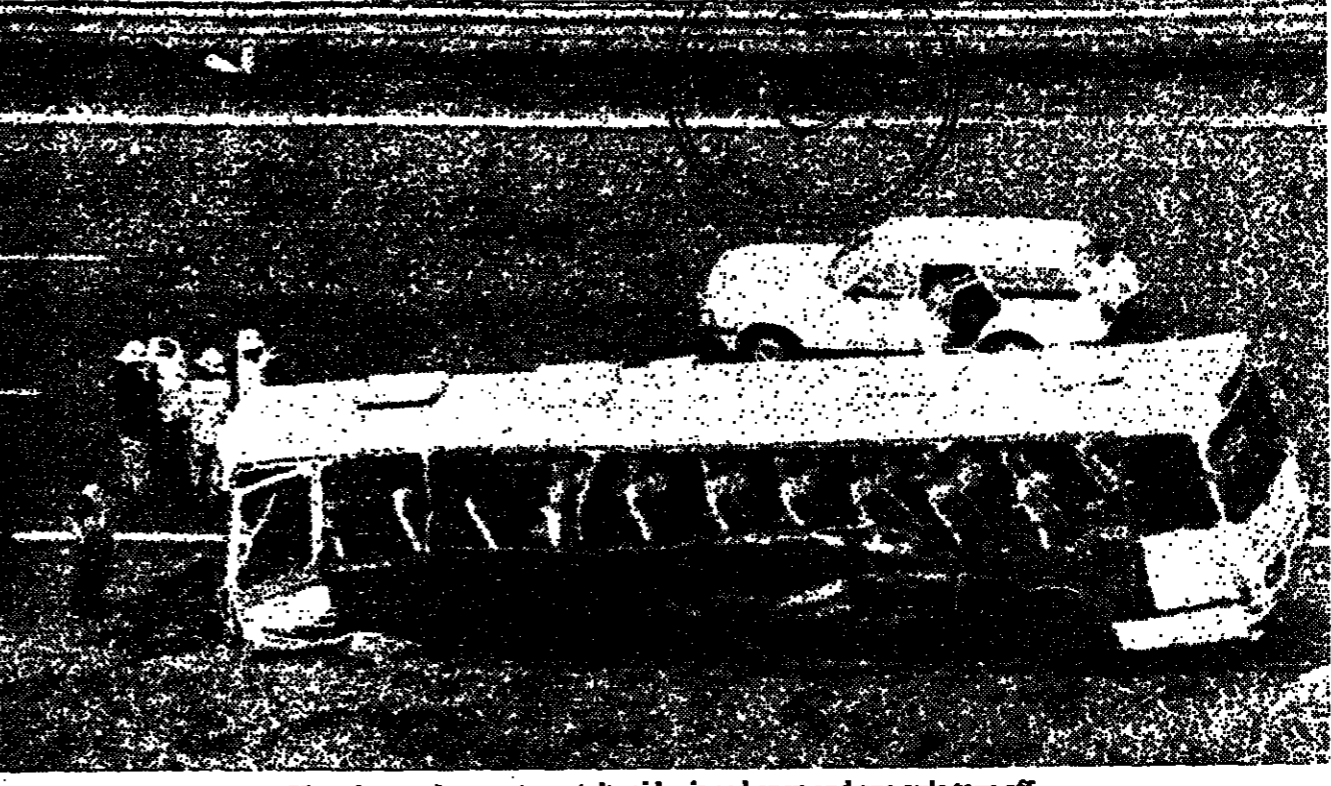
Government hopes of keeping inflation down received a boost from new figures which show wage rises at their lowest for 16 years.

AVERAGE EARNINGS table with columns for Index, % change, and Under-100 % change for years 1967-1983.

£30,000 reward in sex hunt

Reward money offered by members of the public for information leading to the capture of the three men who kidnapped and sexually assaulted a boy aged six in Brighton, rose last night to £30,000.

Three die in M4 lorry-coach crash



Three people were killed and 16 injured, four of them critically, when a lorry carrying steel sheets tore through the safety barrier on the M4 near Swindon yesterday.

Tomorrow

Up the line British Rail's plan for the next five years is unveiled Under the sun

Trial ruling in 'glue kit' case

A High Court judge in Edinburgh has ruled that two shopkeepers should stand trial for allegedly supplying 'glue sniffing kits' - solvents and containers - to children aged between eight and 15 despite pleas that it is not a crime under Scottish law.

Express group stake bought

Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian financier, has bought 3 per cent of Fleet Holdings, publisher of the Daily Express, Sunday Express and Daily Star.

Rail chaos

Rail commuters from south London, Kent and Sussex face serious disruption today as engineers continue repairing fire-damaged signal cables.

Gershwin dies

Ira Gershwin, who wrote the words for the songs of his brother George and other leading composers, died aged 86 at his California home.

Ulster 'bias'

A United States congressman on a fact-finding visit says that he has found evidence of American companies discriminating against Roman Catholics in Northern Ireland.

Andropov offer

President Andropov told the US that Russia would pursue a constructive and flexible line at the Geneva arms talks until the December when Nato is due to deploy new missiles in Europe.

No to 'moles'

Bl has rejected union demands to reinstate the 13 alleged left-wing infiltrators at Cowley and made clear that further attempts at reinstatement would fail.

Final day

Somerset, who beat Middlesex through losing fewer wickets in a thrilling match, meet Kent, who triumphed over Hampshire, in the NatWest Trophy final on September 3.

New boundaries for EEC election

Next June's elections to the European Parliament will almost certainly be fought on new constituency boundaries.



Photograph of boy to be used in the hunt.

Mr Phillip Bakal, manager of the Bolts discotheque in West Street, Bath, said his members were donating £500 on behalf of the homosexual community in Brighton.

Smith backs Steel's veto in battle over manifesto

Mr Cyril Smith, who has been one of the severest critics of Mr David Steel's style of leadership of the Liberal Party, offered yesterday to go to the rostrum at the Liberal assembly in Harrogate next month and back his right to retain a veto over the contents of the general election manifesto.

French go closer to frontline

French troops in northern Chad moved closer yesterday to Libyan-backed rebels who are consolidating their hold on the positions they captured last week.

Zimbabwe drops motion to oust Nkomo

A motion before the Zimbabwe Parliament that Mr Joshua Nkomo's seat be declared vacant was withdrawn yesterday after the Patriotic Front leader took his place in the House of Assembly for the first time since his flight from the country in March.

2,000 evacuated in wake of 80mph storm

Galveston, Texas (Reuter) - Civil Defence officials began evacuating nearly 2,000 people from Galveston Island yesterday as hurricane Alicia bore down on the Texas coast from the Gulf of Mexico.

Falling profits put holiday firms at risk

especially with the current price-war now extending into next winter's holidays. Among the top 30 tour operators losses overall had risen from £2.5m in 1981 to £9.9m last year.

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Israel deserts the Chouf and Lebanese Premier goes on strike

From Robert Fisk, Damour, Lebanon

Israel's determination to withdraw its troops from the Chouf mountains and the coastline south of Beirut is being demonstrated every few hours.

Scarcely had Mr Moshe Arens, the Israeli Defence Minister turned up in Beirut to warn of Israel's impending departure - an uninvited visit that prompted the Lebanese Prime Minister to stage a one-day token strike yesterday - than the Israeli Army decided to blow up a warren of tunnels beneath the former Palestinian guerrilla base at Damour.

In a massive explosion that sent columns of smoke more than a mile into the sky over the ruined town, the Israelis destroyed the caves and deep tunnels in which the Palestine Liberation Organization had stored weapons and supplies before last year's Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

"We waited until we were leaving before blowing them up," an Israeli major said as the dust cloud shadowed the hills. "When we leave here, we can't really be sure we'll turn up in Damour - and we don't want the same gentlemen returning to use their tunnels again."



Occupational hazard: Israeli troops placing barbed wire along their new frontline in occupied Lebanon.

Zealots put curse on archaeologists

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

The bizarre struggle between secular and religious Jews over the future of Jerusalem's main archaeological excavation on the site of the City of David intensified yesterday as thousands of zealots converged on the dig to invoke an ancient curse against those involved with it.

Scores of riot police were on duty for the demonstration, one of the largest staged since the ultra-orthodox community launched its violent campaign to halt any further exploration at the site below the walls of Jerusalem's Old City - which they claim was once a medieval Jewish graveyard.

Many of those taking part belonged to Netzeri Karta, an extreme sect which refuses to recognize the existence of the State of Israel and has expressed backing for the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The black-hatted Jews passed round a pamphlet in Hebrew with photographs comparing the commander of Jerusalem's police to Adolf Hitler.

Furious plainclothes men could be seen inspecting the crude pamphlet and discussing with their uniformed superiors what action should be taken against those distributing it.

Meanwhile, some of the most venerable rabbis in Jerusalem sat on the back of a lorry intoning prayers through loudspeakers.

Also present were supporters of Agudat Israel, another ultra-orthodox group which is a member of Mr Menachem Begin's ruling coalition and is attempting to push through a new archaeology law to restrict severely the future of excavation anywhere in the Holy Land.

The anger of the zealots had been increased this week when the eminent archaeologist in charge of the site, Professor

Although he had expressed his hopes for a strong and unified Lebanon, the photographs showed Mr Arens meeting Mr Fady Frem, the Phalangist militia commander, and actually reviewing an armed Phalangist guard of honour in east Beirut.

On the face of it, it would be difficult to imagine anything more likely to upset west Beirut's Muslim population, mindful as they are that it was the Phalangists who carried out the massacres in the Palestinian camps last year. Hence it was almost inevitable that the Prime Minister was under Lebanon's national covenant must be a Sunni Muslim - would make some protest.

Wazzan cancelled a meeting of fellow Cabinet ministers and declined to attend several appointments during the day. He may have been trying to regain the prestige he lost among the Muslim community when Lebanese troops fought a gun battle with Shia Muslims in a Beirut slum neighbourhood last month.

But the same could not be said of Mr Saeb Salam, the former Prime Minister who recently represented Lebanon in talks with President Reagan. "I am shocked over the visit," he said. "The tragedy is that he (Mr Arens) was received with full honours that reached the extent of a salute by an illegal guard of honour in the capital of the Lebanese legitimate authority."

Meanwhile convoys of Israeli Army lorries continued to leave the Chouf yesterday carrying generators, tents and camp equipment. All this was being watched by both Phalangist and Druze militia in the Chouf whose presence - they are armed and are setting up checkpoints on main highways - is still greeted with indifference by the Israelis.

Returning along the Old Sidon Road around Beirut with an escort of Israeli officers yesterday I saw three Druze gunmen - two carrying AK47 rifles - stopping all civilian traffic scarcely a mile from Beirut airport. Although these men would qualify as terrorists in the Israelis' lexicon, the Israeli officers with me merely smiled and waved at the gunmen who stood back and smiled in return.

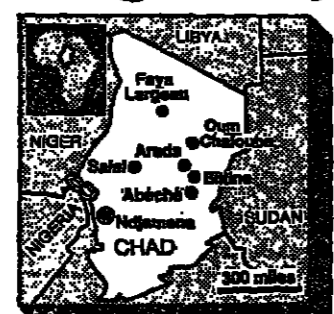
French troops face Chad clash

From Roger Beardwood, Paris

France is sending more troops to Chad, taking the total to more than 1,000. They will replace 400 moved from Njamena to the strategic line from Sarfai to Arbehé, 250 miles south of the rebel-held city of Faya-Largeau.

Reports here, so far not confirmed officially, indicate that French units have moved north of that line to support Chadian troops against an expected rebel drive through the desert.

Although the Government continues to insist that its troops are in Chad in an advisory role, their growing number and the rebels' southward movement convinces political and military observers



here that an armed clash is almost inevitable. Yesterday, it was announced officially that next Tuesday the National Assembly's commission on foreign affairs will question M Claude Cheysson, the External Relations Minister, on Chad.

Apology welcomed

By Our Foreign Staff

The apology made by Barbie to escape to Latin Washington to France for the US Army's part in helping former Gensapo officer Klaus Barbie to escape trial after the Second World War was welcomed yesterday by the French Government spokesman, M Max Gallo.

He described the apology as frank but he "deplored the tactics which it described". He noted that the American Government had been unaware that US officers had helped

Portugal tows in ship as fish war heats up

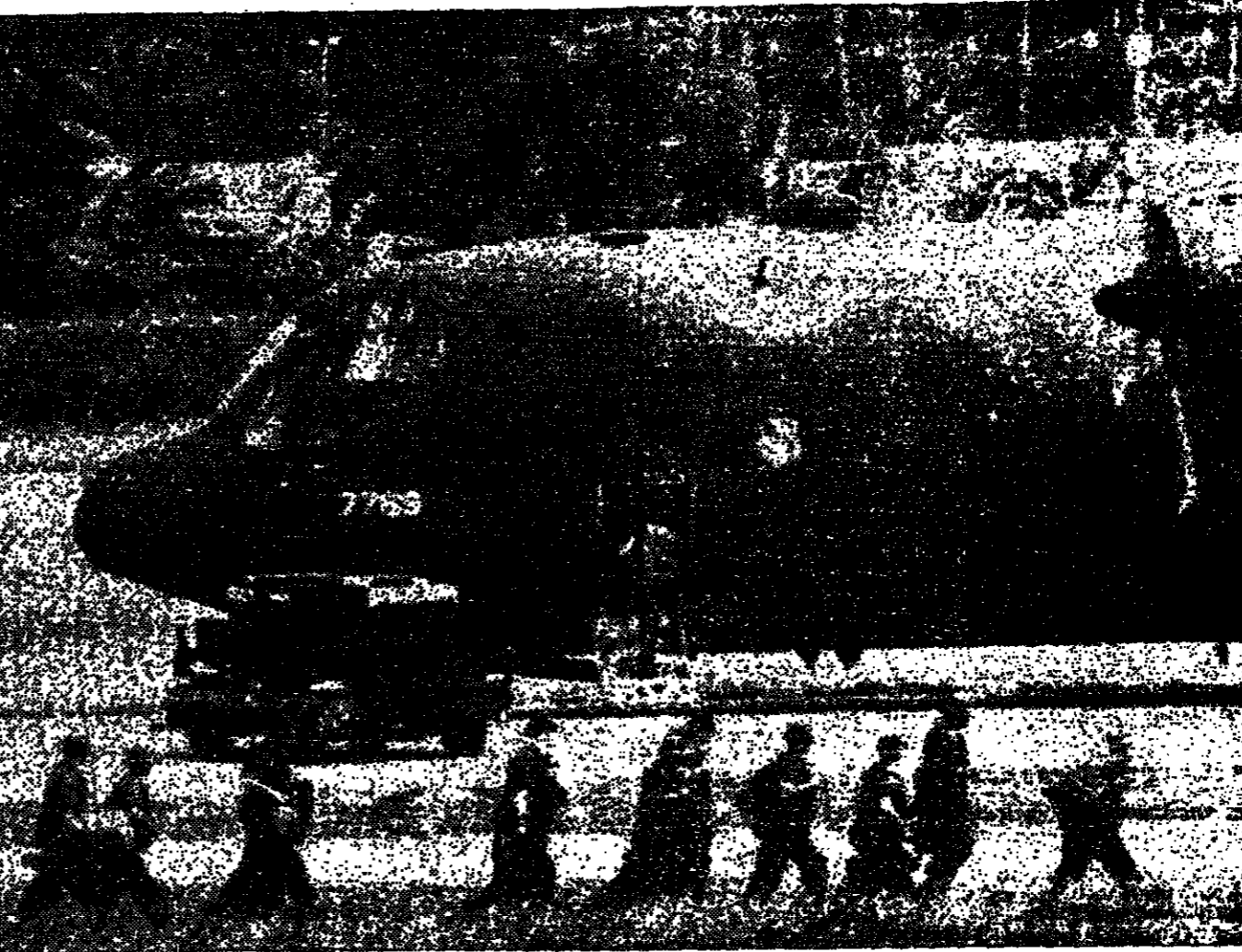
From Our Correspondent, Lisbon

The Spanish fishing boat Rio Evro was arrested by Portuguese coastguards this week on a charge of fishing illegally and towed into the port of Faro on Portugal's southern coast. It was the seventh vessel to be taken into custody in the past week by Spanish and Portuguese authorities in the fishing war.

Portugal is also holding the Spanish boat Loyola Uriarte, captured on Sunday in Faro, and the Mar de Espana, captured on Monday near Oporto.

Spain is detaining four Portuguese boats in the port of Vigo, and is demanding seven million pesetas (£31,000) for their release. The boats' Portuguese owners have petitioned the Government in Lisbon to solve the problem.

The fishing war has been going on for some time and in several incidents shots have been fired across bows. The fishing agreement between the two countries ran out seven months ago and has not yet been renewed. Fishermen on both sides must continue to fish, and have found it more profitable up to now to pay an occasional fine than to stop.



War games: American troops on arrival in Honduras for manoeuvres with the Honduran Army.

Reagan holds back on Salvador advisers

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

The Reagan Administration, faced with widespread hostility to further United States involvement in Central America, has decided against a large increase in the number of advisers to El Salvador.

The Pentagon and State Department are believed to have advised President Reagan to hold the number to about the present level of 55. A small increase is likely, however, because of what White House officials described as a "redefinition" of the meaning of advisers.

In future "advisers" will be deemed to be those directly involved in training Salvadoran soldiers, thus excluding military personnel assigned to the US Embassy.

According to CBS News that will mean an immediate increase of 11 military personnel to El Salvador. It said the Administration ruled out a large increase in the number of advisers because of probable hostility in Congress and out of fear of "Americanizing" the civil war.

The US naval presence off Central America is rapidly building up as part of military manoeuvres in the region. The aircraft carrier Coral Sea and its escorts have just started patrolling of Nicaragua's east coast and the battleship New Jersey is close to the west coast. US reconnaissance aircraft have picked out a Soviet cargo ship in the Caribbean. According to Administration officials,

it is loaded with arms for the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua. ● GUATEMALA CITY: Señor Fernando Andrade, a lawyer, said on taking office as Guatemala's new Foreign Minister that the region's conflicts must be resolved by negotiations among Central Americans (Reuter reports).

He told his first press conference that he would travel through Central America to meet his fellow foreign ministers. Guatemala continued to back the efforts of the Contadora group - Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia and Panama - to reach a negotiated end to regional conflicts, he said. ● TECUCIGALPA: The Honduran armed forces chief,

General Gustavo Alvarez, said the United States must fortify democratic countries in Central America to avoid future military action (Reuter reports).

"If the US helps us militarily and economically now, we will not need to ask for the use of American combat troops," he said. "But if the US does not make the right decisions now, it may be faced with two alternatives: intervene militarily or lose Central America."

Congress study sees merit in Soviet case

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

The Reagan Administration has reacted sharply to an independent study which suggests there are weaknesses in the position of the United States and its allies that British and French nuclear weapons should be excluded from the intermediate-range (INF) arms reduction talks in Geneva.

The report, compiled by the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress, says the question of whether or not to include the 162 British and French missiles is a big obstacle in the negotiations. The US-Soviet talks began a year and a half ago and are expected to reach a climax this autumn as the December deadline for the deployment of new American medium-range missiles in Western Europe approaches.

The Soviet Union maintains that as the British and French missiles are aimed at Soviet territory they should be taken into account, along with the 572 Pershing 2 and ground-launched cruise missiles which Nato plans to deploy.

The US, on the other hand, supported by Britain and France, has rejected the Soviet case. It argues that as the British and French systems are entirely independent and are only intended to deter attack on those two countries, the US missiles are needed for the defence of the rest of Western Europe. The Americans also make the point that the British and

French systems are "strategic" whereas the Geneva talks are about "theatre" weapons, and that all but 18 of their missiles are submarine-launched and therefore cannot be compared equally to the Soviet Union's 350 ground-launched SS20 missiles.

Although the Congressional Research Service study does not draw any conclusions, it does suggest there is some merit in the Soviet case and that it therefore may be necessary to explore alternatives that would take account of the Soviet point of view.

Among possible alternatives suggested by the study are: an "implicit accounting" of the British and French systems in an eventual INF agreement between the two superpowers; an undertaking to include the British and French systems in the separate strategic arms reduction (Start) negotiations, which are also taking place in Geneva; or the combining of the INF and Start talks to include all strategic, intermediate and theatre weapons systems.

In a prepared statement the State Department sharply rejected these suggestions saying that "the rationale against inclusion of British and French forces in the INF negotiations is compelling... we are not prepared to negotiate limits on or compensation for such systems."

Washington revives some diplomatic ghosts

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The buzz of exotic parties and the aroma of sumptuous meals once drifted through the chandeliered corridors of the Iranian Embassy in Washington, where the Shah's emissaries pampered the famous, the mighty and the rich.

Today, the building stands empty alongside the broad expanse of Massachusetts Avenue, crumbling and dead. Similarly, the former embassies of Cambodia and Vietnam are empty and decaying, the corpses of a diplomatic relationship that was destroyed.

The State Department bears responsibility for the buildings - all in prime locations, beautiful in their day and still not beyond redemption. The Americans have decided to bring life back to the old ghosts and rent them out, and in a neat little twist the governments of the three nations may foot the bill.

The Iranians maintain a small team in Washington under the auspices of the Algerian Embassy, and earlier this year they received a diplomatic note informing them of the decision to restore and rent their old embassy. The former home of the Iranian ambassador, along with five other premises the Iranians still technically own, are also being repaired and rented.

There was no reply. Similarly, the Vietnamese were silent when informed about renovation plans on their

premises in a street not far from the Iranians' former embassy. It has been empty since Saigon was overthrown by communist forces.

The Cambodians were not given the courtesy of a diplomatic note about plans for their old embassy way up on 16th Street, which also has stood empty since April, 1975. The former home of the Cambodian ambassador has been badly vandalised.

The State Department has put word about that prospective tenants are now free to ask for a look round.

There is a slight problem, however. The buildings are still legally owned by the respective governments and, should diplomatic relations ever be restored, they clearly will expect them back. Thus the State Department, reluctant to spend its own money on somebody else's investment, has asked the Treasury Department for permission to use the important funds of the three governments.

Another source of money has also presented itself. Earlier this month a removal van was spotted in front of the old Iranian Embassy and Mr Harvey Buffalo, the deputy director of the State Department's office of foreign missions, confirmed that furniture "not of a historical nature or antique" is to be auctioned off and the proceeds put towards the cost of repairs.

Consul free as gunman is arrested

Los Angeles (Reuters) - A gunman who held the Spanish Consul General and three others hostage for eight hours at the Spanish Consulate in Los Angeles surrendered yesterday after being assured his family had been put on an aircraft for Puerto Rico.

As soon as he had been arrested, however, his wife and two children were taken off the flight.

Police said the Consul General, Señor Joaquín Muñoz Del Castillo, another man and two women who worked at the consulate were released unharmed.

The Spanish-speaking gunman, who spoke to police by telephone, said he could not find work in Los Angeles. Police said he would be charged with extortion.

Double trouble of China twins

Peking - Parents of twins in China are being penalized because they violate the national campaign to have only one child per family. Chinese mothers of twins complained in a letter to a newspaper that her children were excluded from privileged activities set aside for only children.

"It was not our subjective will to have twins," she said. Parents of single children receive an extra monthly allowance but parents of two are subject to financial penalty.

Local painting hid a Gauguin

France (AFP) - A hitherto unknown Gauguin painting valued at 1m francs (about £85,000) has been discovered here on the reverse side of a local canvas loaned for an exhibition. It was authenticated by Louvre experts.

Gauguin gave the painting to the local barber, an amateur artist, in payment for a haircut and a meal when he was on his way to meet Van Gogh at Arles.

Gelli order

Buenos Aires (Reuters) - An Argentine judge has ordered the seizure of a 1,750-acre farm owned by Licio Gelli, who escaped from a Swiss jail last week while being held to face corruption, conspiracy and subversion charges in Italy. Gold deposited in his name at a Buenos Aires bank was also placed under court control.

Yoko Ono loses

New York (Reuters) - Yoko Ono has lost an attempt to block distribution of a magazine containing nude photographs of her and her late husband, John Lennon, which she said were stolen. Manhattan Supreme Court ruled that the Lennons were public figures, and therefore there was no invasion of her rights to privacy.

Paper closed

Monrovia (AFP) - The independent Daily Observer newspaper has been closed down "indefinitely" by Liberia's Justice Minister who said he did so because of the paper's "constant position of reporting news not complementary to the Government's efforts".

Boxers defect

Kaiserslautern (Reuters) - Two Polish amateur boxers from Katowice defected to West Germany after a contest with a local team and will be allowed to remain. They were named as Andreas Danielak, aged 23, a featherweight, and light-heavyweight Richard Kostov, aged 22.

Battle royal

Johannesburg - The bitter royal feud in Swaziland took a further turn when the Great She-Elephant, Queen Dzewile, went to court to seek legal redress over her dismissal as Queen Regent. The Chief Justice said he would give his judgment in a week's time.

Radio seized

Paris (AFP) - Police closed down the pirate radio Carbone-14 for broadcasting for 23 months without a license despite frequent warnings. It is the first pirate radio to be seized since the Socialists came to power in May, 1981.

Typhoon deaths

Tokyo, (AFP) - Torrential rains pounded central Japan yesterday as Typhoon Abby ripped through Honshu Island, leaving at least two people dead, one missing and 25 injured, and disrupting communications.

3,000 set free

Jakarta (Reuters) - Indonesia announced the release of 3,198 prisoners while 14,000 others had their sentences reduced in a national day amnesty decreed by President Suharto.

Search for Ark

Ankara (Reuters) - Mr James Irwin, the American astronaut who flew to the Moon in 1971, has returned to Mount Ararat in eastern Turkey where he was injured in a fall last year while searching for remains of Noah's Ark. He has resumed the search.

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Andropov holds out hand of friendship until December

From Richard Owen, Moscow

President Andropov yesterday appealed to the United States to reach an "honest agreement" with Moscow over arms control at Geneva before Russia was forced to respond to the deployment of new Nato missiles.

He made his remarks during a meeting with Mr William Wimpisinger, vice-president of the American AFL-CIO trade union organization. The AFL-CIO is usually regarded as right-wing and anti-Soviet by the Soviet leadership, although Mr Wimpisinger himself holds views more sympathetic to the Soviet Union.

Mr Andropov is today to hold talks with nine senior Democratic Party senators led by Senator Claiborne Pell, the senior Democrat on the Senate foreign relations committee.

Diplomats said both moves were intended to convey Moscow's desire for an improvement in Soviet-American relations, and to underline the Soviet view that the current frosty atmosphere is the fault of the Reagan Administration rather than the Soviet leadership's.

In his meeting with Mr Wimpisinger, Mr Andropov said the nuclear arms race in Europe was the "the nerve centre" of East-West relations, and that Moscow was willing to meet Washington half way "on many points". Russia would pursue a constructive and flexible line at Geneva until December, when Nato is due to deploy new missiles in Europe. In the absence of an agreement on medium-range missiles, Moscow would then be "compelled to take counter-measures to ensure the security of the Soviet Union and its allies".

Mr Andropov told Mr Wimpisinger - who also heads the Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers - that he favoured increased contacts between American and Russia, but added: "At present both the AFL-CIO leadership and the American authorities are doing everything to hinder contacts". He said that if the United States extended a hand of friendship, "it will always be given a sincere handshake by the Soviet People".

WASHINGTON: The United States strongly denied a Soviet allegation that American officials had "enticed" or harassed the 15-year-old son of a Tass correspondent and others of his family as they were about to fly home from Washington last week (Mohsin Ali writes). The boy, son of Mr Vyacheslav Kukhareenko, had been interrogated at an airport on Friday night and urged not to board a flight to Moscow together with his family. Moscow said in a formal protest.

A State Department spokesman said: "We strongly deny that the US Government or its officials enticed or harassed the Tass correspondent or his family".

Tass had reported that the Federal Bureau of Investigation and immigration officials "aggravantly tried" to persuade Mr Kukhareenko's son to stay in the US rather than to return to the Soviet Union.

Earlier, the State Department demanded that another Soviet teenager, Andrei Berezhkov, the son of Mr Valentin Berezhkov, first secretary at the Soviet Embassy, must not leave the United States until he had been interviewed by American officials to determine whether he wished to seek asylum here.

Swimming to freedom Turkey's political fugitives find a haven in Greece

From Mario Modiano, Lavrio, Greece

Refugees from the military regime in Turkey are fleeing in considerable numbers to Greece in search of political asylum and employment.

Since the Turkish military takeover in September 1980, about 380 Turks and Kurds, mainly men between the ages of 18 and 40, have made their getaway.

Some are on the "wanted" list of terrorists, others are simply left-wing activists, and still others merely hope to use the political angle as a means to emigrate to find work.

In one sense, the Turks are privileged because the Greeks are granting them work permits, although the refugees complain they can find no jobs. About 100 of them have, however, succeeded and are making a living from ill-paid, heavy duty jobs and live in rented flats in Athens.

Another batch are living cooped-up in an overcrowded camp for political refugees in this mining town 35 miles south-east of Athens, waiting for asylum to be granted.

"It is difficult to tell who is a genuine political refugee, but we give them the benefit of the doubt", Mr Gary Perkins, Athens representative of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees, said. The office contributes to the upkeep of the Lavrio camp and gives the occupants legal protection.

There are two main escape routes from Turkey to Greece. It takes less than half an hour to swim across the river Evros - which marks the northern border between the two countries. The other way is to sail across from the Anatolian coast to the Greek islands, only a short distance away.

Bodrum, the present-day Halicarnassus, to the Greek island of Kos. They now live in the refugee camp at Lavrio.

The camp complex consists of two-storey blocks of dormitories built around an open courtyard, and looks more like a school than a transit camp. It has a capacity for 125 which will be doubled soon, but it already houses twice as many in neat but uncomfortable quarters.

The Turks I interviewed here refused to give their surnames and turned their faces away from the camera, arguing that if they were recognized their families back home might be victimized.

For instance Mehmet, aged 34, a short, associated school-teacher from Maras, and his smiling wife Feride, aged 28, left their two children behind when they decided to flee two years ago by crossing the Evros.

Today Feride washes dishes in a Lavrio cafeteria, but her husband can find no work, even as a building worker at half-pay. He says: "Still, we are given lunch and dinner here, and there is solidarity among us because we are all communists".

They live in one of the cubicle-rooms on the second floor, its walls covered with posters of Nazim Hikmet, the Turkish poet who died in exile.



Tevfik, an English-speaking accountant, aged 30 who escaped with his wife when both were sentenced to seven years in jail for trade union activities, adopted the latter route.

They joined five other friends and bought a speedboat. Then they made a dash from



Opposition alliance leader held in Pakistan

Karachi (Reuters) - At least one person died when security forces opened fire yesterday during continued protests against Pakistan's martial law regime.

The shooting occurred as several thousand people attacked a railway station and looted warehouses in Dadu, 200 miles north of Karachi, government officials said. During the violent demonstrations three court buildings were set on fire and 60 people were arrested.

According to opposition sources, four people were killed when the security forces opened fire.

In Peshawar, opposition sources said police had arrested more than 30 political dissidents yesterday including Begum Nasim Wali Khan and more than 30 members of her National Democratic Party on the eve of a rally in Peshawar.

Begum Khan took over on Tuesday as head of the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy, an alliance of eight banned political parties.

Dissidents are hoping that a successful rally in Peshawar will cause demonstrations to spread beyond the borders of the volatile Sind province.

In Larkana, the home town in Sind province of the late Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, a military court has sentenced four demonstrators against martial law to 10 lashes, a year's hard labour and stiff fines.



Facing up to exile: Mehmet, a Maras school-teacher, and his wife Feride, masked to protect their children

Soviet officials dilute their leader's ideas

From Our Own Correspondent, Moscow

Senior Soviet officials said yesterday that recently announced economic reforms would not lead to decentralization and would only be introduced gradually.

Mr Nikolai Baibakov, head of the State Planning Agency (Gosplan) said at a press conference that "limited experiments" in selected industries would be conducted cautiously "in view of the size and scope of our economy".

On Monday, President Andropov was far more forthright when he said in a speech to party veterans that "our entire huge economy" was in need of overhaul if it was to function properly. Russia, he said, needed more than "half measures" to overcome "accumulated inertia".

Mr Baibakov, who is 72, has been head of Gosplan since 1965, and would not appear to be part of that new breed of vigorous management that Mr Andropov is banking on to replace inertia with efficiency and reform.

Mr Vasily Prokhorov, a senior trade union official, said that new laws tightening labour discipline and laying down strict penalties for absenteeism and drunkenness did not violate human or civil rights.

Mr Vladimir Terebilov, the Minister of Justice, said the penalties were needed to cut huge production losses, and did not contravene international labour conventions to which Moscow is a party.

Asked whether Mr Nikolai Shchokolov, the former Interior Minister disgraced following corruption allegations, would be put on trial, Mr Terebilov said no proceedings had yet begun.



Mr Baibakov: Held his job for 18 years

Bulls on loose kill man of 68 in town terror

From Tony Dubouin, Melbourne

About 40 wild bulls went on the rampage in the north Queensland outback town of Charters Towers, killing a man, injuring a number of other people, damaging cars and knocking down fences.

A lorry which was taking them to Townsville, about 80 miles to the south-west, on Tuesday overturned and split open, allowing the animals to escape.

Mr Cyril Flowers, aged 68, was riding his bicycle when a large bull charged him, knocked him down and mangled him. He died yesterday in hospital.

Police said that more than a dozen people escaped by leaping over fences as the bulls charged.

Monk jailed for criticizing Thailand Queen

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

After a trial held in secret, a former Buddhist monk was sentenced yesterday to three years' imprisonment for making derogatory remarks in public about the Thai royal family.

Anant Senakhan, who was a police major before becoming a monk, received the minimum sentence under the law for lese-majesty against Queen Sirikit and Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn at a public meeting during the general election.

In another verdict announced yesterday, Major-General Sawong Pinyo, a former aide to General Prem Tinsulanonda, the Prime Minister, was given a suspended two-year sentence by a military court for complicity in an illegal £1.5m arms deal.

Jayewardene extends state of emergency

From Donovan Moldrich, Colombo

The Cabinet yesterday decided to extend the state of emergency in Sri Lanka for another month, but relax progressively the 11 pm to 4 am curfew in Colombo and eight other districts. The state of emergency was originally declared in May to prevent any post-elections held the same day.

It was renewed in June and July owing to terrorist activity in the north and communal violence in the eastern Trincomalee district before the island-wide disturbances in July in which 384 persons were killed.

The Cabinet decided to extend the emergency as a precautionary measure even though there had been no disturbances since the weekend.

President Jayewardene unveiled plans for the reconstruction of riot-damaged commercial areas.

Tamilis arrive: A government spokesman said about 40,000 Tamils displaced by the rioting had now arrived in Jaffna, where the minority community predominates. There were still 13,000 Tamils in four camps in Colombo who did not want to go to Jaffna - (Reuters reports).

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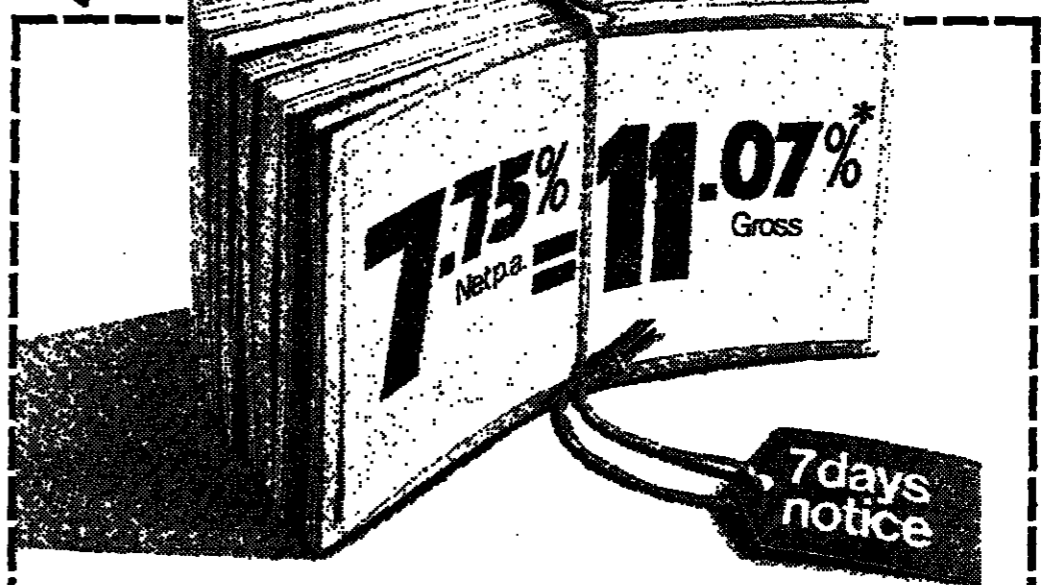
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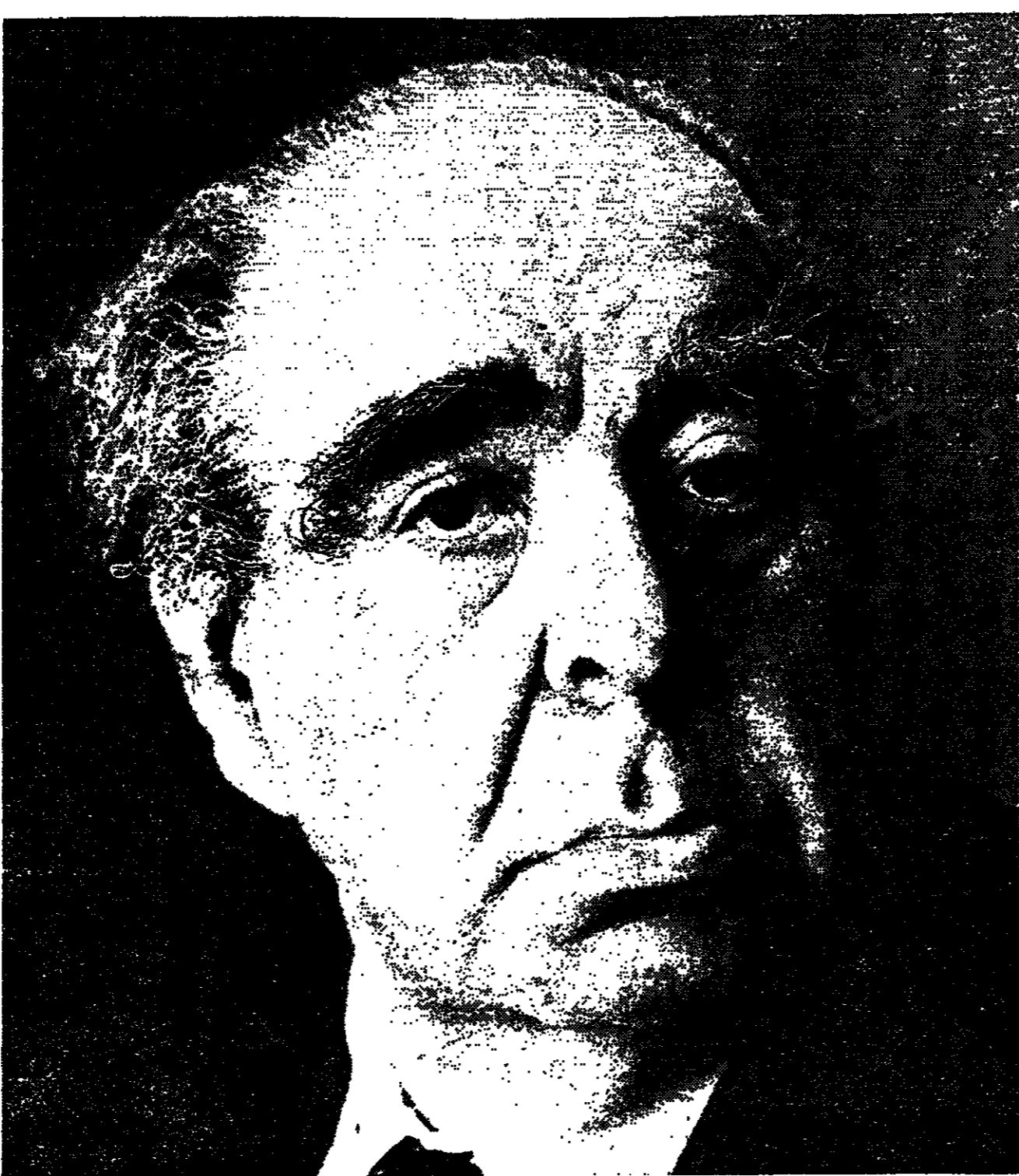
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The young man, who worked at The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, wanted to buy a house but could not raise a mortgage. He went to the opera house's general director and asked if the money could be lent to him.



The Times Profile: Lord Goodman, 70 today

Anyone who knows Arnold Goodman would regard this episode as neither exceptional nor surprising; Goodman's willingness to help people does not depend on their being famous or powerful, or on their ability to turn to help him.

He is the only man in England to have received a peerage from a Labour prime minister and to have been made a Companion of Honour by a Conservative prime minister.

Goodman does indeed know just about everyone who matters in British public life, and has advised every great national institution. He probably knows more secrets of the great than anyone else in the country.

his name meant nothing to the wider public. That changed in 1964 when, sensing an issue that could win him votes in the run-up to that year's general election, the Labour leader, Harold Wilson, brought Goodman in as mediator to help settle a strike of commercial television technicians.

He was born to prosperous parents who came from South Africa (he visits South Africa regularly) and obtained a double first in law at Cambridge. During the war he served in the army, rising from gunner to major and along the way becoming a phenomenally successful quartermaster sergeant who kept his own unit lavishly supplied when all others were starved of equipment.

He joined Rubinstein Nash, a well-known firm of libel lawyers, and then set up in practice himself. He started in one of the most famous libel actions of the day when in 1957 he obtained substantial damages for Aneurin Bevan, Richard Crossman and the Labour Party's general secretary, Morgan Phillips, all accused by The Spectator of being drunk in charge of a British delegation to a socialist congress in Venice.

By this time Goodman had become well known to those in the know, but

- Lord Goodman of the City of Westminster Senior Partner, Goodman Derrick and Co, Solicitors born August 21 1913 educated University College, London; Downing College, Cambridge 1938 Enlisted Gunner RA TA 1945 Retired Major 1965-71 Arts Council of GB 1968-72 British Lion Films 1968 Member, Royal Commission on Working of Tribunals of Enquiry (Evidence) Act 1921 1967-76 Chairman, Observer Trust 1967- Member, British Council (Vice-Chairman 1974-) 1970-75 Newspaper Publishers' Association 1972 Director, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden 1972- Governor, Royal Shakespeare Theatre 1973-77 Chairman, Housing Corporation 1973- English National Opera (Chairman 1977-) 1974 Chairman, Committee of Inquiry on Charity Law 1976- Master of University College, Oxford

him to form a government of national unity.

Yet Goodman is not simply a bland man of the soft centre. While never a member of the Labour Party, he is of the liberal left of centre. Always ready to bring combatants together, he nevertheless can be combative himself, and has used his seat in the House of Lords to launch energetic and deeply felt campaigns.

He fought Harold Wilson by championing Biafra in the Nigerian civil war; he was more steamed up than at any time I've seen him," Wilson remembered. He fought Michael Foot by opposing clauses in the Trade Union and Labour Relations Bill which he contended threatened press freedom. He organized opposition to the Conservative Government's decision in 1980 to end rent control for private tenants, a move he described as "an act of gratuitous cruelty."

Yet, though he has been libelled by The Spectator and Private Eye, he has made few enemies. Wilson still regards him as a good friend. Michael Foot describes him as "a man of the greatest honour, his integrity above reproach". A private man who bitterly regretted succumbing to persuasion and giving his one television interview - it was a disaster - he has a great talent for friendship. Unmarried, now bereaved of the mother he adored and the

brother to whom he was devoted (immensely knowledgeable about music, he died during a concert at the Festival Hall), he can like people and be liked by them even while passionately disagreeing with them. Of one woman he remarked: "I can't bear her neo-fascist sentiments"; yet he remained close to her.

He involves himself in great arguments, in which he mixes dialectical hyperbole with mordant wit. He dismissed an idea put forward by one associate with the crushing words: "That's like telling a polar bear he'd make a good rug." Yet, says Harold Lever, "when he wins he looks at his opponent benignly and offers him a chocolate ginger."

He is a huge man, tall (6ft 2in) and bulky (though, due to ill-health which now slows him down, less vast than he used to be). A former Cabinet minister remembers: "You could tell when he was at No 10 because his coat, which could not conceivably belong to anyone else, was hanging in the ante-room."

Goodman is a legendary fund-raiser. One very powerful politician puts it bluntly: "He knows a lot of very rich people." Another says: "He intimidates all his friends into giving and he gives himself." In his flat in Portland Place (reached by a lift which leads right into it) he has held soirées at which close friends like Max Aitken and Evelyn de Rothschild would act as waiters and for which his housekeeper would prepare Jewish dishes such as gefillte fish which, though herself not Jewish, she has learned to cook out of affection for her employer.

Goodman is described as a good Jew, attached to his traditional culture and to the Israeli cause. He has served on Jewish bodies such as the Institute of Jewish Affairs and the Jewish Chronicle Trust; but then, he seems to have served on everything, from the Committee of Inquiry on Charity Law to The Observer Trust (he broke the tradition that only Protestants could be members), from the British Council to the National Book League, from British Lion Films to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre.

Indeed, even his greatest admirers agree that he takes on too much, that he seems to turn up everywhere (one critic said that no performance at Covent Garden could be regarded as valid without Lord Goodman's presence) and that he tries to pack so much into a day that his timetable gets farther and farther behind. That is how he came to be called "the late Lord Goodman".

Accused by one acquaintance of neglecting University College, Oxford, of which he has been Master since 1976, he replied, woundedly: "I go there at least once a week." Moreover, while his ability to master a case has few equals ("absolutely brilliant, tremendous powers of persuasion", says Michael Foot), his powers of discrimination are not so universally admired. Foot accuses him of "stunning political naivety".

Some people ask what precisely Goodman has achieved in his public life to justify recognition which is almost unparalleled. His list of specific achievements is nowhere near as long as the roster of offices he has held, and his one venture into international politics - Rhodesia - was an abject failure which brought him under the most savage attacks he ever had to suffer.

Harold Wilson has said of Goodman: "He has helped the system to work when it wasn't working." That is as good a summing-up as any of the man as he reaches his seventieth birthday.

Gerald Kaufman The author is Labour MP for Manchester, Gorton Photograph by Snowdon

moreover... Miles Kington

An Easy chair for the Prof

"What is an easy chair?" said Professor Trevor Srope. "In what sense can a chair be said to be easy or hard? Is there such a thing as a moderately difficult chair? What is easiness - and what is chairness? Can we even expect an easy chair to be made out of a hard wood?"

He waited for the wave of light laughter to run round the lecture room and die down. He waited in vain - there was not even a ripple. Professor Srope sighed. It was not much fun being Professor of Philosophy and Furniture Design at M4 University. The educational cuts had cut so deep that now they were not just firing people, they were combining two or more faculties under one person.

Well, not exactly, actually. The truth was that some famous furniture designer had just died and the BBC Tribute Department were putting together a tribute. What they mean by this is that they were digging out a clip from an old Michael Parkinson Show. To their unbelief they found that the bloke had never been on Parkinson, so they were grabbing the cheapest available professor instead.

"I'm appearing on a programme tonight," said Srope to the gatekeeper at TV Centre. "We'll see about that," said the gateman. "Before I let you in, I'll need proof of identity, banker's references, letters from at least two TV stars, surety of £50..."

"It's all right," said Roger Boothby, coming from nowhere. "He's on my little prog tonight, doing a featurette. Trevor Srope did it rather well. He was totally unafraid of the cameras, probably because he believed throughout that it was a radio interview, and finished his little chat in less than five minutes, which is the highest criterion the BBC can have. Afterwards in the hospital room, over the Twiglets and Chateau Wentham, he waxed eloquent."

"I find the whole philosophical history of furniture terribly exciting," said the barman. "That's the proper order there." "I find the whole philosophical history of furniture tremendously exciting," he told Roger Boothby. "The way the history of thought is bound up with the way people sat, and what surrounded them while they thought. Descartes, on a chair, had abstract thoughts. Newton, on a bumpy ground under an apple tree, deduced practically that..."

"You may be the man we've been looking for," said Boothby. "Our pet experts at the BBC change slower than we sometimes realize. I mean, Magnus Pyke, Patrick Moore and Arthur Negus are all still terrific value, but..."

Srope, who never watched TV, had no idea what he was talking about. "...and there might even be a series in what you say. Furniture plus philosophy eh? If we could think of a title..."

The oldest joke in Srope's repertoire came to his mind. "The Seat of Learning?" he suggested. Boothby decided on the spot that the man was a genius and took him away to be signed up. Meanwhile, unaware that they would never see Professor Srope again, his students were still sitting scribbling in his lecture room. They were filling in job application forms.

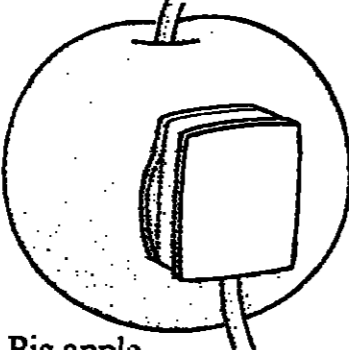
Andrew Wiseman

Reprieve for the forests



In the past, the protection of the environment has not been a priority consideration of Soviet planners. But recently, largely because of the unofficial efforts of Soviet writers and poets, major industrial projects throughout the Soviet Union which threatened the ecological balance in a particular area had either been abandoned or modified.

He points out that the annual economic efficiency of the "sanitary, hygienic and other socially-useful functions" of forests in the Karelian Isthmus, estimated at \$40 million roubles, is much higher than their timber value.



Big apple A generator which uses apples or potatoes as a source of electricity has been successfully tested by scientists at the Kharkov physical-engineering institute of low temperatures of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences. All you need to do is to insert two minute electrodes into an apple (or potato), the electrolyte, and you get current in a circuit.

Germ of an idea Because Soviet agriculture has never been able to satisfy the needs of the Soviet people, it is not surprising that a great deal of its scientific research is devoted to increasing harvest yields. Some time ago Vladimir Shevchenko,

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head of the plant-growing department at the Voroschilovgrad agricultural institute, noticed that the germs of wheat grains differed in form. He decided to check whether that had any effect on their yield. Test-tube experiments in the laboratory showed that seeds of the same variety but with different types of germ grow and develop differently.

Now, to determine the yielding capacity of wheat seeds all that is needed is to sample a consignment of seeds and analyse it according to germ types. A simple mathematical calculation will establish the estimated yield of the consignment. By rejecting seeds with unproductive type of germs Shevchenko claims future harvests can be increased by as much as 25 per cent.

Boring up Soviet researchers have developed an artificial bone which can temporarily replace real bones. To make it they take a mixture of gelatine, mineral salts and immuno-biological substances with pour it into special moulds. The mixture is then treated ultrasonically to give it the correct texture. Experiments with rabbits have shown that the new substance is not rejected by the animal after an operation. The artificial bone is used to mend the animal's injured bones which ultimately grow together. Later, the artificial bone dissolves, which makes it unnecessary to remove it surgically, avoiding a painful operation.

Power boost As the first solar power station is nearing completion in the Crimea, plans are afoot to build the world's largest solar power station in the Republic of Uzbekistan, which enjoys more than 3,000 sun hours a year. The difference between this is staggering. The Crimean SES (Russian initials for Solnechnaya Elektro Stantsiya) has a capacity of a mere 5,000 kW, coincidentally the same as the Soviet Union's first nuclear power station at Obninsk, built in the 1950s. The Uzbek one is a compound solar and natural-gas burning electric power station, will produce at least 300,000 kW, over 30 per cent generated by solar power.

Mammoth task The comparatively new science of spore and pollen analysis is being used in the Soviet Union to unravel the mystery of the mammoth's diet. For some time scientists have known that pollen found in peat deposits, in coal or oil and even in icebergs bears silent witness to events long past, provided that a key can be found to unlock its secret. Soviet scientists have taken the pollen from the stomachs of dead mammoths and studied it. They have come to the conclusion that the standard diet of the mammoth was sedge, ferns, mosses and cereals. Another group of Soviet scientists believes that the mammoth perished because it hibernated during the winter. Even when there was not enough snow to cover them up and blanket them against the cold, mammoths still fell asleep, and simply froze to death.



Light Jacket A new jacket to protect workers who have to repair equipment in high voltage areas has been designed in the Soviet Union. Made from a special current-conducting material, its back, sleeves and sides are lined with flexible shunt wire. The complete uniform includes a pair of gloves, boots and a helmet with a special device that gives an audible signal as the electrician enters a danger zone.

Andrew Wiseman

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BOOKS

Lebanon: new perspectives on an old war
Terrorism and truth

Lebanon
The Fractured Country
By David Gilmour

(Martin Robertson, £9.95)
The state of books on Lebanon, stimulated by last year's war, continues. This one by David Gilmour is perhaps the best yet. Not for its account of that war, which occupies only the last chapter and contains nothing that has not already appeared elsewhere, but for its well written and clearly organized account of the background to the conflict.

Gilmour wrote the book, he tells us, to try to counter what is in danger of becoming the 'official' version of the Lebanese tragedy - apparently on the strength of letters to *The Times* and other papers from apologists for Israel or for the Lebanese Phalangists. According to this, "the Lebanese civil war (ie that of 1975-76) was not really a civil war at all but a war forced upon the Lebanese by the activities of the Palestine Liberation Organization". In that war the "Lebanese Forces" (ie the Phalangists and their allies) were only able to "liberate" a small part of the country from the Palestinian yoke. There they remained beleaguered until, in 1982, Israel came to their rescue.

Like all good myths, that version contains a grain of truth. But only a grain, and it is just as well at this point to be clear, short, simple book to remind us how much of the truth that version leaves out. That the PLO caused a lot of trouble in Lebanon no Lebanese and probably few Palestinians would now deny. Certainly David Gilmour does not, though he does also remind us that between 1949 and 1967 the Palestinian refugees were hardly the honoured guests in Lebanon that Lebanese propaganda likes to maintain. Most of them were kept in overcrowded, disease-ridden camps and many had to work for Lebanese employers at very low wages on a daily basis because the authorities would not give them work permits. Frequently they were mocked and humiliated by the local inhabitants, like the Beirut street entertainer who told his monkey to show the crowd "how a Palestinian picks up his food rations".



Bendor: that petulant face

Anger and compassion

God Cried
By Tony Clifton and Catherine Leroy

(Quartet, £15)
Tony Clifton is the London bureau chief of *Newsweek*. Much of his career as a reporter has been spent in covering wars in Vietnam, Biafra, Bangladesh and the Middle East. Catherine Leroy's background as a photographer for *Life*, *Time*, and the Gamma picture agency is not dissimilar. Starting at the age of 21 in Vietnam, she has since worked in Africa, Afghanistan, Iran, and the Middle East. Both of them won awards for their coverage of the civil war in Lebanon in 1975-76.

The qualifications are important. When they endured the siege of Beirut in the summer of 1982 and when they decided to collaborate in producing this vivid account of it, neither the author nor the illustrator of *God Cried* lacked experience as a war reporter. On the contrary, their previous experience both in Lebanon and elsewhere provided them both with a yardstick by which to measure what Mr Clifton describes as "the most savage bombardment of a capital city since the Second World War". Those who criticize them, as they have criticized the Western press in general and the Beirut correspondent of *The Times* in particular, for one-sided reporting of the siege of Beirut, must take this into account. Moreover, what Tony Clifton and Robert Fisk and other eye-witnesses had to say about the siege was borne out by the independent report of the MacBride Commission, published earlier this year by Ithaca Press under the title *Israel in Lebanon*.

The story is not a pretty one, detailing as it does the relentless bombardment from land sea and air, with the most sophisticated weapons of a capital city whose civilian population was defended only by guerrilla fighters hopelessly outclassed in numbers, weapons and political support. The overwhelming majority of the casualties were civilians, since the bombardment, writes Mr Clifton, was for the most part wholly indiscriminate - a word repeatedly censored by news editors in New York. Mr Clifton returns to the charge in a passage near the end of the book in which he summarizes what he has described in detail in earlier chapters.

Utterly spoilt

Bendor
The Golden Duke of Westminster
By Leslie Field

(Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £12.95)
He was nicknamed after a stallion. In his family, the Grosvenors were either inaffably dim or else possessed of a fine sense of irony; no more pointed comments could have been made on the way it came by its money and title. In the past they appear to have shown just one talent, the ability to flush out and marry heiresses. The richest English dual house was founded upon the expertise of the stud farm. They gathered unto themselves a posy of other men's flowers, in particular that of a seventeenth-century money lender, and nothing but the ribbon which binds it is their own. No generals. No politicians. No acts of betrayal no damned merit anywhere. Just a Miss de Eton who brought Cheshire and a Miss Davies who went mad but bought Westminster.

People who feel wistful about the peccage would do well to ponder the Grosvenors. Their wealth today is estimated at £500m, fenced off by lawyers and accountants. Their motto is "virtue no lineage" which is accurate enough; no family ever came by such wealth so virtuously, but then no family ever did so little for it. The title was the last non-royal dukedom to be created, and came into being because the first duke was possessed of an income of £250,000 in 1874; it was presumably considered that, like J. Edgar Hoover, it was best to have him on the inside pissing out than on the outside pissing in.

Zerbanoo: the memory slowly fades

The Times Guide to the House of Commons, June 1983
(Times Books, £15)

Only four months ago, as we knew from the more excitable headlines, we were in the grip of Election Fever. A few short weeks later, though they seemed longer to some, we were hanging on the halting lips of all those returning officers, many in amusing headgear, and marveling at the sharpness and stamina of the teleprompters who could divine at the drop of a percentage that the Tories were sweeping the seaside resorts. Labour slumping south-east of a line from Grimsby to the Bristol Channel, and that guest commentators wouldn't mind being cut off in mid-word so that we could be told what was happening in Strathkelvin & Bearsden.

Fiction
Uncle Sam saved by hack

Monimbó
By Robert Moss & Arnold de Borchgrave
(Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £7.95)

Towards the end of *Monimbó* the World Trade Center is blown up. This is not, as might be hoped, a work of architectural criticism by someone who dislikes ridiculously tall buildings. It is part of a plot by Fidel Castro and the Russians, hatched at the Nicaraguan village of Monimbó, to sow anarchy in the United States. After the explosion a riot develops. The New York riot is more enjoyable than the protracted Miami riot which preceded it, perhaps because the district destroyed is better known. In vain Wright Washington, the moderate black leader, says: "This is not the way! We will have no truck with violence. He is shot in the shoulder. The incompetence of the politicians, the CIA, the FBI and the police, the violent character of American Cities, and the tendency of the American media to believe any bad story about the American government, make us fear that the Cubans will triumph over Uncle Sam.

moving that criticism would become impossible - one is obliged to recognise it as a first sign of Moris Farhi's sincerity. His book takes conventional form, but does not read as the bland production line adventure constructed with smallest loss of time and energy. It is long, 550 pages, and looks as though great pains have been taken over the multitude of characters and settings. It is about the nightmares which beset Israel and her neighbours, and the faint dream of better things to come.

Abu Ismael receives word from Allah that he is Al-Mahdi, commanded to wage holy war against Israel. Calanities which surpass the Deluge are to be unleashed. Al-Mahdi devises Operation Dragons. He kidnaps a Lebanese physicist and sets about constructing an atom bomb in the Danakil Desert of Ethiopia. Faced by this peril two enemies become friends, Osman the Jordanian and Boaz the Jew. The writing is uneven, and includes odious words like insightful and on-going, but also some agreeable touches. "You deserve it," Boaz says as he pulls the Mahdi's jaw to pieces. Having heard much of this false prophet's exploits, the reader is inclined to agree.

Crime
Tiny delicious jabs

Banshee
By Margaret Millar
(Gollancz, £6.95)

One of the greatest difficulties in writing crime fiction is that it has to be about crime. Nor for the most part will your everyday crime do. A crime novel has to concern itself with some major criminal event, frequently murder, and this necessary concentration on something, after all, well out of the ordinary makes it particularly difficult for the writer to achieve a high degree of psychological credibility. Many crime authors, of course, contrive to paint their basically impossible accounts with a layer of credibility that lasts as long as a quick look, or a single read. But to few it is given to produce novels that are centrally concerned with a major crime and which yet on the score of the real study of character stand the test of long scrutiny.

to her in the isolated Southern California community where she has lived for eight happy years. And Mrs Miller eschews the neat hole in the middle of the forehead or any of the other palliatives less courageous writers might use in these circumstances. Her child is real; the manner of her violent death is real. But Mrs Miller yet contrives that there should be a mystery about this death, and that the explanation when it comes is both almost altogether unexpected and perfectly believable in terms of the real-life situations the book has put before us.

It is, I think, the sheer power of the imagination that does it. But one should add that Mrs Miller possesses other satisfying attributes: the ability to administer tiny delicious jabs for those of us who stray from the best paths of behaviour; a gift for crafting a story, for using words to make pleasing transitions from one point to the next. There's a bell of a lot in these 200 small pages of largish type.

A Mania For Sentences

By D. J. Enright
(Chatto & Windus, £13.50)

To mania for sentences has dried your young heart? One of the themes of Enright's criticism is that of a good reader must recognize and enjoy a great writer's obsessive quality, without which neither will get far. The people he cuts down to size are simple-minded biographers who try to reduce their subject, and ungenerous critics. "Psychobiography - a practice which bears much the same relation to truth-telling as necrophilia does to love".

The brilliantly funny and judicious essays on English usage and related matters, which make up the second part of the book, are, among other things, concerned to defend the written word, exact language, against academics more interested in "social interactions" prescribing or proscribing words that offend political

beliefs, or saying that all speech and writing is equally (democratically) interesting. He addresses himself, implicitly, to the preservation of the value of the private act of reading and writing. In a review Dennis Donoghue he takes issue with Donoghue's view

But Fidel and his cronies have not bargained for Robert Hockney, an investigative reporter in the heroic mould who still prefers a battered portable typewriter to a word processor. They ought to have read *The Spike*, the previous story from these authors, to realise Hockney's capacity for success against the odds, even against the wet liberal journalist he is obliged to work with. But they missed the message. They probably took *The Spike* for a load of tedious drivel which sold in quantity because of the deceitful capitalist marketing and the debauched taste of western consumers. This over-literary view undoes them. With the aid of two or three good and intelligent Americans, among hundreds of perverse and foolish ones, Hockney starts to unravel the conspiracy which threatens his country. He arrives at a showdown with Parodi, the drug dealer, gun runner and double agent who murdered his wife, and we are left to wonder why the name Parodi should have appealed to the authors.

The Last of Days is a thriller dedicated to no fewer than twenty-one named individuals. After carefully studying this dedication for signs of Stephen Potter's influence - Potter advising a form of words so

Obsession and the art of criticism



D. J. Enright

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that style can be attributed to a writer's "differing sense of the readers or lack of them". "Writers write for themselves, or for that resident reader (someone to converse with) built up over the years. Style is the man inside us."

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Christopher Warman reviews the story of a great gentleman and player
A midsummer night's dream of cricket

Ranji: Prince of Cricketers
By Alan Ross
(Collins, £10.95)

Every schoolboy knows that Ranjitsinhji was one of the great cricketers, an exotic figure from a past age like W. G. Grace or C. B. Fry. Very few schoolboys and not many others know much more about a man who was not only the star attraction on the cricket field during a decade or more around the turn of the century, but also an enlightened ruler of his small princedom in Gujerat in the north-west of India and who represented India at the League of Nations in Geneva from its first assembly in 1920 to 1922.

could be that of one who dabbled in cricket before returning to India to do a bit of ruling. Not at all. He applied himself devotedly to cricket over many seasons, analysed his technique and even wrote a sort of text book, *The Jubilee Book of Cricket*. At Cambridge, the Indian cricket captain Stanley Jackson, to ask whether he was overdoing it. Ranji replied: "I find I am all right for half an hour but I cannot last. I must now master endurance." Almost Boycottian in his dedication.

The result was a flowering of insouciant talent that brought 72 first class centuries between 1895 and 1912, including 13 double centuries - five of them in 1900. He hit a century on his debut for Sussex in 1895, a century on his debut for England against Australia in 1896, made 100 centuries in 1896 and 11 in 1900, and scored more than 3,000 runs in a season in 1899 and 1900. He

scored them quickly too, at about a run a minute. Until now, Ranji has been the subject of but one biography, by Roland Wild in 1934, the year after his death at the age of 60, which concentrates largely on his life and work in India. It is wholly appropriate that the second biography of this most elegant of cricketers should be written by Alan Ross, one of the most elegant of cricket writers, who was born in India and brought up in Sussex.

for Indian cricket later puzzled and upset some of his fellow Indians. Of his glittering career, Ross calls on his contemporaries to describe him. "Ranji was the most brilliant figure in what, I believe, was cricket's most brilliant period," said G. L. Jessop, while to Neville Cardus he was "the midsummer night's dream of cricket."

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THE TIMES DIARY

Dock brief

Nigel Brookes has landed in the 'Lions' Den. The London Docklands Development Corporation...

Ill feeling

The new medical correspondent of the Daily Mail is John Utman. Journalists on the paper regard the fact that he has replaced a reporter who has been doing the job for some two years...

The brochure for the Genting Highlands holiday complex in Malaya says: 'If excitement is what you are looking for, have a little flutter at the Casino de Genting. They are not kidding. The games the brochure suggests 'for a few hours fun' start with 'Russian Roulette'.'

Royal gesture

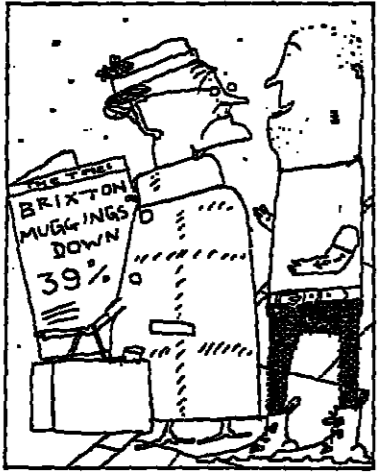
Royalty does not as a rule open supermarkets, at least not in this country, but Princess Anne is making an exception for Harrods. The Princess will open extensions to the food halls on October 4.

Would-be breakfasters on the Dam Plymouth to Paddington InterCity were regaled with the following announcement: 'I advise and gentlemen I regret to inform you that there will be no breakfast on this train, owing to circumstances under our control.'

Idle words

Big Brother PHIS is watching Penguin Books. I bought not one but two copies of Volume I of the Penguin Collected Essays: Journalism and Letters of George Orwell...

BARRY FANTONI



Spin-off

In antiquities it pays to have the genuine article, as the Christie's cricket team proved by trouncing the Victoria & Albert Museum with seven wickets to spare.

Space odyssey

Despite Japan's pre-eminence in miniaturization, the Encyclopedia of Japan, to be published this autumn by Kodansha, will be nine massive volumes, containing 3,000 pages, 10,000 entries and 3.9 million words.

Karl Marx has been banned from mention in the £250,000 appeal to restore Highgate Cemetery, of which he is the most famous occupant. This despite the fact that the appeal's chairman is Lord Briggs, who wrote and presented a BBC television series on Marx and his justly published book about him.

Can MacGregor deliver coal?

The leader of Britain's colliery deputies was recently in the company of the US miners' president, voicing apprehension about the impending arrival of Mr Ian MacGregor as chairman of the National Coal Board.

This true story illustrates the fundamentally different kind of coal industry that Mr MacGregor will head from September 1. In the profitable American strip mines where he had hitherto presided his entrepreneurial skills, unionization is practically unknown.

The NUM is committed by conference decision to hold yet another strike ballot over the closure issue 'at the appropriate time'. The union's timing will be dictated by the chairman's own handling of the situation, but the crisis is likely to come sooner rather than later.

The last headlines on the issue in The Miner read 'Crunch time draws near', and for once union rhetoric matches the facts. The incoming Coal Board chairman will have to take some rapid decisions about the nature and direction of the industry which will almost certainly lead to conflict with the miners' union.

The NUM has a policy of opposing pit closures except on grounds of total seam exhaustion, though that opposition has been blunted by the refusal of the men in two successive pithead ballots to authorize strike action against shutdowns.

intends to proceed with the inevitable 'shutdown' of the industry.

Two weeks later, he will be obliged to show his hand on pay bargaining, when the board meets the NUM for talks on the union's claim for a 'substantial' wage increase for 180,000 pitmen.

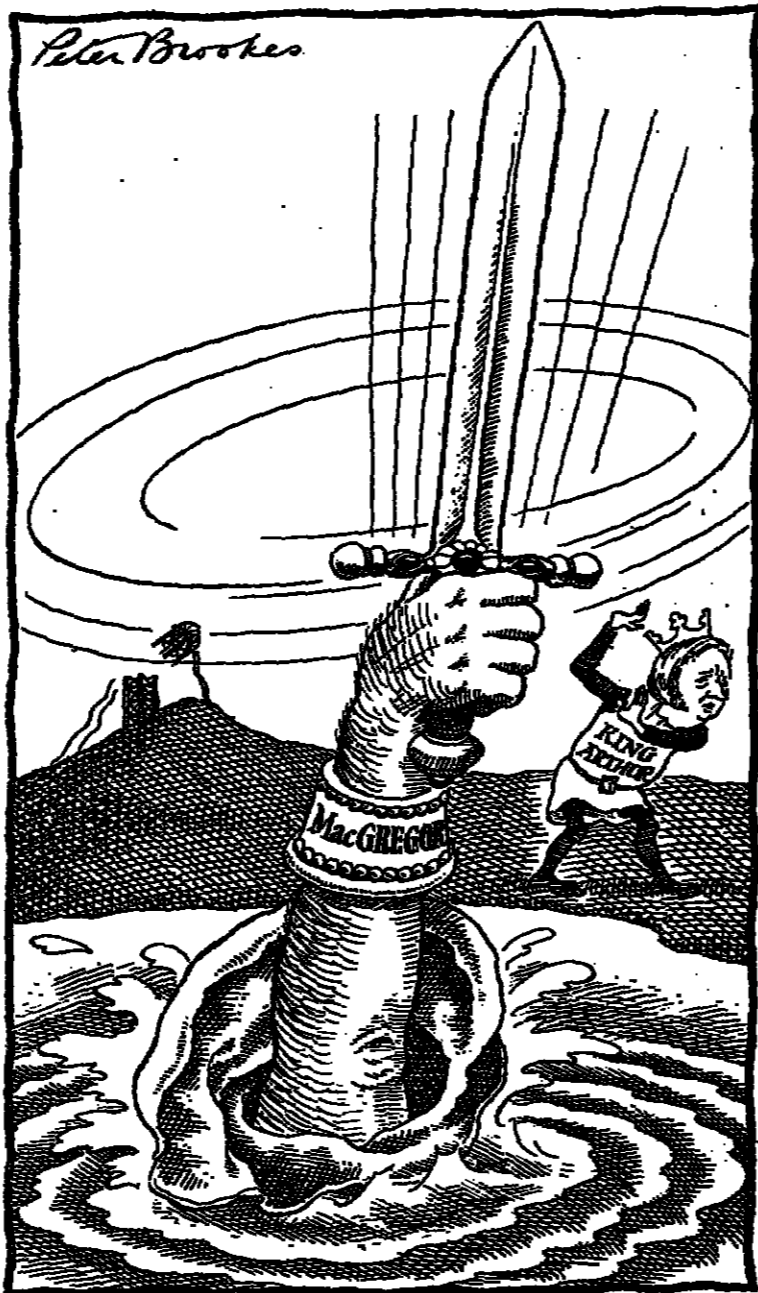
This combination of challenges on pay and closures is not as daunting as it may seem at first sight. It gives Mr MacGregor a sound platform on which to approach the Cabinet for a capital reconstruction of the industry of the kind he can deliver on closures and wage discipline.

By the standards applied at British Steel during the MacGregor years, that stage has been reached. The Coal Board ended last year with an overall loss of £111m, after receiving a Government deficit grant of £374m and paying £366m interest on loans - 90 per cent of which went straight back to the Treasury.

The board's outgoing chairman, Sir Norman Siddall, has told the unions that in these circumstances it 'cannot be right' for a small proportion of total output to run away with losses totalling £275m.

Elimination of these pits and investment continuing at the current level of £700m a year will make viability for the smaller remaining industry an achievable aim.

Paul Routledge, Labour Editor



Scots wha' hae but no' the noo

Reports of the death of devolution in Scotland may be exaggerated. True, the Scottish question may have induced in the public consciousness all the features of cantankerousness before and since the general election.

Next month, the Scottish TUC, Scottish Labour MPs and the party's Scottish executive will hold a devolution seminar - still the most popular intellectual sport in the country - to try to establish a plan for pursuing the issue in a style which will not alienate their colleagues south of the border or open new wounds in the party.

Thanks to some recent deft manoeuvring within the Scottish Labour group at Westminster, the agenda for the seminar will include extracts from what has become known as 'the Foulkes paper', which means that the plan will almost certainly eschew tactics such as token strikes, disruption of House of Commons business, industrial action to deprive the Government of tax revenue, or a ploy of non-cooperation between local authorities and the Scottish Office.

Saryagraha for Scotland is not yet at. At least not for the next four or five years. (There are those among the Scottish leadership who will allow the Labour party only one more general election like the last before re-examining their attachment to the national body.)

Labour Party in Scotland, have persuaded all but one of Labour's Scottish MPs to endorse their formula, which will probably influence the shape of policies established at the September seminar and dictate the nature of the Scottish left's pursuit of devolution over the next few years.

The Brown-Godman formula is a bit like one of those patent medicines which release their properties round the clock: or in this case over the life of the present Government. Its target is not the pervasive devotion of whom party members already belong to history but a future Labour government.

Working, as they must, on the assumption that the next Labour Government is not also a piece of whimsy, the Scottish Labour group wants to unite the party round an agreed policy at national level and perhaps even draw up a new Assembly Bill. Brown and Godman have two other priorities: work on the English regional MPs to prevent the kind of hostility which harried previous devolution attempts, and - more delicately - to coordinate devolution support within Scotland, which means talking to 'other Scottish pressure groups'.

'Other Scottish pressure groups' is an evasive way of saying other Scottish parties. The Labour Party in Scotland and many of its MPs have always been a bit defensively snuffy about the devolutionary credentials of the Scottish Liberals and the SNP (both of whom arrived at their positions at a much earlier stage) and are highly nervous about being seen in public with them.

Simon Jenkins The other risk in Nkomo's return

Why did Joshua Nkomo go back? Is he a Lenin, arriving at the Finland station to reap a revolutionary harvest sown by his rivals? Or is he a sadder figure, the apostle of a new African counter-revolution: yet another black leader forced into the arms of those eager for any stick to beat a Marxist regime? Or is his voyage simply a private quest, an exile's longing for home and family in old age, a plea to be left in peace?

Mr Nkomo's fate is certainly not to be left in peace. Zimbabwe is a one-party state in all but name. The internal politics of the ruling Zanu group are turbulent. Whatever the genteel fantasies of Lancaster House, Mr Robert Mugabe has problems enough with his central committee without having to cope with a 'loyal opposition', let alone one rooted in dissident Matabeleland and reinforced by the presence of Mr Nkomo.

Small states passing through intense social and economic change need coherent central discipline. With this in mind, Mr Mugabe has been trying to merge Mr Nkomo's Zanu party for some months. He is already torn by Africa's familiar three-way tug of war between capitalist corruption, Marxist chaos and militarist cruelty.

Since 1980, South Africa has been conducting a campaign of sustained adventurism north of its border. The purpose has been demonstrative rather than defensive, proof that Pretoria is fed up with verbal and physical assaults from its neighbours. The time has come, say the generals, for regional Realpolitik.

John Harris

Calling a spade un outil de jardin

It must be nearly a century since Times sub-editors, faced with the word 'yarns' three times in a paragraph, felt obliged to cross it out twice, substituting 'delicious', 'valves' and 'succulent molluscs'.

To take one current preoccupation: in the bosom of the hexagon, the risk of the green note is causing grave anxiety. The green note is the dollar, and the hexagon is France. A hexagon is thought to be the right shape for the country. Spain is too square, Norway too frayed at the edges, and Angleterre (which means Great Britain, of course) is no shape at all, besides being wholly surrounded by water - as bad as the equally shapeless and landlocked Sardinia.

Equally, however, it can be a womb, where the soon-to-be-born child (or revolution or bright idea) is hiding. French ladies thus normally boast three sets, and if something is said to be in someone's or indeed something's sein, it can be simply inside, or vaguely-around somewhere (as in Abraham's bosom, or the bosom of the deep).

Yet so front-line state inspires more uneasiness in Pretoria than Zimbabwe, the only one strong enough to pose a long-term threat. Frustrated that it cannot access Harare, South Africa has only stab and kick. Last December it blew up virtually the whole of Zimbabwe's steel stock in Beira harbour. The result was economic shambles, with Zimbabwe forced to go cap in hand to Pretoria. 'Freedom' infiltration is condoned, usually by ex-Rhodesians now enlisted in the South African defence force. And then there is Zapu. Mr Nkomo and the unrest in Matabeleland.

There is no hard evidence that Zapu is its military wing. Despite Harare propagandists, Mr Nkomo's followers do not need South Africa to supply their post-independence arms caches. Nor for that matter does Matabeleland sympathise towards Mr Mugabe require any outside stimulus.

Yet the South Africans are watching Matabeleland like hawks - or, as they grimly put it like the Israelis watch Lebanon, in northern Transvaal, there are training camps full of Zimbabweans. Some are supporters of Bishop Mutorewa, others of Mr Nkomo. Across the border will come a trickle of dissidents. The Matabeleland killings produced a flood. Even without sending sabotage squads or spies into Zimbabwe, South Africa knows it has a loaded pistol pointed at Mr Mugabe's head. Mr Nkomo may be a passionate anti-South African, yet he must know he is also a godsend to Pretoria.

Mr Nkomo's party lost once to Mr Mugabe's Zanu, and only a fool would suppose he will be allowed a proper second chance. Meanwhile, as Mr Mugabe continues his halting and painful advance towards a mixed economy and a multicultural society - by no means yet beyond hope - it is not Mr Nkomo whom he must chiefly fear. It is not his own conspiring party colleagues, it is the guardians of Afrikanerdom to the south. This confrontation, between South Africa's 'way forward' and that represented by the next most important state of the region, Zimbabwe, is the true ideological battleground of southern Africa.

The tragedy for Mr Nkomo is that if ever this confrontation should become a shooting match, it will be fought over his own Matabeleland. In such a confrontation, he cannot remain neutral. He and his Zanu followers must side either with the hated internal enemy or the hated external one. And there are tacticians in Pretoria who are already rubbing their hands with glee. They view Mr Nkomo not as any Lenin, but as a future Colonel Maddad. For the father of free Zimbabwe, it is not a happy welcome home.

All readers of the more serious specimens of the French press are tangibly alive to the need to defend the language against dangerous Anglo-Saxon. Strange noises may be heard in the Isle of Beauty (Corsica) and the Phoccean City (Marseilles), where as much Arabic as French is heard, but far, far worse, even in the sacred groves of the Académie Française, the descendants of Hengist and Horsa are keeping up the pressure, trying to turn that traditional planigrade picnic into a dog's breakfast.

Representative Anglo-Saxons, as far as the French intelligence community are concerned, are Rabble Burns, V. S. Naipaul, Louis Armstrong and Garret FitzGerald, and after a while one ceases to raise an eyebrow at articles on The Anglo-Saxon Cinema - not, thank heavens, a primitive silent epic on the Beowulf theme but such offerings as E.T., Monty Python and Gene Wild, The Wind (back again), Anglo-Saxon linguistic infiltration and sabotage are fiercely combated by l'Establishment: edicts, hastily ripened in the seins of ministries of this and that go forth, forbidding business schools to talk of le marketing or le cash-flow (le LIFO or last-in-first-out accounting is proving a tough resistor); it becomes stop calling a voice off its own foot; and its lower operators are supposed to have been replaced by les voyagistes.

The healer at odds with his faith

Communication with him early in his stay was made difficult, but contact gradually became easier. In the last few months his followers have filled the little chapel placed at his disposal to say Mass. At times he himself felt that he would do his own case no good by talking to the press. But he had the mystic's way of forgetting his resentment and turning inwardly to some concept he found essential to his attitude: he prayed, for instance, to 'My Father' as well as to 'Our Father'. He places the individual above the needs of pure organization: 'I am not suggesting,' he has written, 'democratic approach in the policy-making of the church. What I mean here is that the church is the people of God, not the structure that is scrupulously adhered to at the cost of the loss of thousands of souls. The structure may become an idol to which participants we offer human sacrifices.' He had a high regard for the attitudes of the Dutch church before what he called the 'unapproved prophets' were disciplined by Rome. Arguably, Mgr Milligo was not the man to be made a bishop because a post such as Lusaka calls for administrative gifts as well as spiritual ones. Yet possibly his appointment was an act of courage when Roman Catholicism was more willing to experiment than it is now. But his qualities are clear. To condemn all things African, he says, 'lacks the sound judgment of Jesus'. And there, in a muted form is his real challenge to authority: a plea for European cultures to be allowed to express Christianity in their own way - that is a subject of concern not only to Catholics.

Norman Godman and Gordon Brown, who is also chairman of the mistake by creating me an African, it is not yet evident. There is no doubt that his gifts as a healer were extraordinary, and he was soon in trouble with the Pro-Nonzio in Lusaka after he discovered his powers. He is a great believer in the Charismatic movement which expresses faith frequently as emotional release. He has written of his hope 'that one day the whole Catholic church and the Christian churches will be Charismatic'. He makes a powerful impression on people often in a surprising quiet and calm way rather than with the heightened tensions which must go with his acts of exorcism. Certainly he has gathered around him during his time of uncertainty in Rome a group of devoted people, many of them simple, who treat him almost as a saint. There has been no official echo of newspaper stories that he had acted like a witchdoctor, though he was at times felt that his interrogators thought this of him. It is also



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THE SOVIET CHALLENGE

Fifteen years ago this Saturday, in August 1968, Czechs and Slovaks stared in disbelief at the Soviet tanks invading their country to crush their hopes of reform and reimpose strictly orthodox Communist Party rule.

are accepting a view which is not held by many who are neither reactionaries nor lacking in first-hand experience of the "thrust of Soviet foreign policy"; both Tito and Mao, for instance, denounced Moscow's imperialist aims and condemned the Soviet quest for world hegemony.

Soviet system, hundreds of thousands have emigrated and many more would leave if they were granted exit visas.

New avenues for jobless young

From the Chairman of the Manpower Services Commission

Sir, I was concerned to read in today's Times (August 15) your Labour Editor expressing the view that school leavers were showing less than overwhelming interest in the Youth Training Scheme for the sole reason that at the end of June less than 22,000 young people were already on the scheme.

Although my schooldays are long distant, I can still recall that my only desire on leaving school was to have my last long summer holiday and I am sure that today's school leavers are no different.

The whole community has cooperated magnificently and all the places are now available to ensure that all our school leavers will have a year on the Youth Training Scheme. They are the ultimate judge of the attractiveness of the scheme and we will be quite content to let the figures speak for themselves in the autumn.

DAVID YOUNG, Chairman, Manpower Services Commission, Service House, 166 High Holborn, W.C1, August 15.

From Mr Michael Howard, QC, MP for Folkestone and Hythe (Conservative)

Sir, The gap between paying lip service to the plight of the unemployed, particularly the unemployed school leaver, and taking effective action to remedy it, sometimes widens into a chasm of such proportions that public attention must be drawn to it.

The Youth Training Scheme is one of the most ambitious and imaginative proposals to have emanated from central government in recent years. It undoubtedly has an important part to play in alleviating unemployment both in the short and in the long term.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL HOWARD, House of Commons, August 15.

Transport in London

From Mr R. G. R. Calvert

Sir, Politicians, including councilors, should never run transport; they have too many axes to grind. London Transport railways should be transferred to British Rail, to be divided between the four regional managements.

It is a great pity that the Government has set out a White Paper rather than a Green Paper, thereby cutting short desirable public discussion.

Yours faithfully, R. G. R. CALVERT, 15 The Parade, Frimley, Cornwall, August 4.

Racism in Europe

From Mr R. Elliott Kendall

Sir, Surely many people will have been astonished at the easy manner in which discrimination has been imposed on the movement of people between Britain and France, both members of the EEC.

The manner in which this is becoming accepted practice indicates Europe's readiness to allow racial discrimination. It already exists in antisemitism, in second-class citizenship for migrant communities and in frequent attacks on mosques, synagogues and homes of ethnic minorities.

Questions on definition of a mole

From Ms Lynne Amidon and others

Sir, The episode of the Cowley 13 has been widely reported and discussed in the past week, in terms that give cause for alarm.

Of course there is room for more than one evaluation of the sacked workers' actions, on the left as elsewhere. But that is not the main issue. What should concern all socialists - indeed all sincere democrats - is the potential threat to the political freedoms of wage-earners in this country.

That this consideration is not merely alarmist is shown by the manner of most media coverage of the affair. From BBC's *Newsnight* to the *Sun*, the constant talk has been of "moles", "plots" and "infiltration".

This is deeply irresponsible journalism. Only compare it with the complacent coverage of the really dramatic acts of "infiltration" in recent times: a systematic series of Conservative political appointments to major industrial and financial enterprises - and notably BL's own Michael Edwardes.

More seriously still, the language of these reports is that of red-baiting and spy fiction. Its effect is to suggest a new kind of "treason", political (ie socialist) infiltration of employment. As such it is an outrage, exposing who knows how many on the left to "charges" that are not only anti-democratic but also unanswerable.

How can an active socialist prove that s/he has not taken a job for ulterior political reasons? It is impossible.

We must not allow particular relationships from simultaneous transitory and functional phenomena than with measuring and analysing the accretion of past events as material or somatic changes.

Yours faithfully, SIMON Y. MILLS, Director, Department of Research, The National Institute of Medical Herbalists, Exeter, Devon, August 13.

Competing claims of body and mind

From the President of the National Institute of Medical Herbalists

Sir, There is a central feature in Professor Campbell's case (August 12) that merits further discussion. This is the usual argument of the modern establishment, that "the claims for any therapy should be subjected to scientific analysis".

What we have seen the merits of this approach in the undoubted advances of technological medicine in specific areas, but this should not obscure the irony of a profession that is traditionally concerned with the irreducible integral wholeness of the human being now creating, like Dr Frankenstein, its view of a person from bits and pieces.

Yours faithfully, JOHN GARRATT, 21 Kensington Church Street, W8, August 10.

Tax propaganda

From Mr John Caff

Sir, I was puzzled to find that your City Editor, writing today (August 5), thinks that the Confederation of British Industry is campaigning, "somewhat belatedly", against the American system of unitary taxation.

In common with many of my colleagues I find myself spending too large a proportion of my time in raising the funds necessary to provide what I believe to be a minimum level of resources for books and materials.

Belton House: a family plea

From Mr Peter Hoos

Sir, May I enlist your assistance in putting forward a plea to my cousin, Lord Brownlow, on the future of Belton House.

For personal reasons, which we must respect as a family, my cousin has decided not to communicate with his family regarding the sale of Belton. Therefore, may I ask the favour of your column to address him.

Some twenty years ago, my uncle, the late Lord Brownlow, entered into discussions with the National Trust regarding the possibility of the Trust taking over Belton. Unfortunately, and with considerable regret today, these plans did not materialise.

I think my pay rose from £3 to about £3 15s. The 15s covered my rent and rates with a bit over. The man then disappeared from the scene to, as he told me, "spread the gospel on pastures new". He was touring the country to infiltrate and organize union membership.

Yours etc, F. S. COLE, 11 Y-Laa, Penzance, Bridgford, Mid Glamorgan, August 15.

Mr Steel's health

From Dr L. D. Neil

Sir, As Mr David Steel's family doctor there are one or two important points I would like to make regarding his recent episode of ill-health.

Mr Steel has never suffered from a depressive illness. The present affliction, from which he is recovering, does not extend to "depression" but is known as "post-influenza asthenia". This is a medically well-known sequela - as the name suggests - of a bout of "flu". It is characterized by a general feeling of lassitude and inability to accomplish pre-flu performance levels.

Yours faithfully, JOHN GARRATT, 21 Kensington Church Street, W8, August 10.

Aggression in Chad

From Mr Louis Fitzgibbon

Sir, Despite your excellent coverage, I find it curious that none of your readers has so far uttered upon the open war of aggression which Libya is waging in Chad. It appears fashionable to relegate this friendly country to the limbo of dusty Saharan states about which only the French need be concerned.

Yours faithfully, LOUIS FITZGIBBON, 21 Bloomsbury Place, Kemp Town, Brighton, August 12.

Missing the point

From Mr John Bennett

Sir, Like Mr York (August 9) I have noticed many new opportunities afforded by the absence of punctuation on signs. Many farms in the home counties now offer the chance to "Pick your own car park".

Yours faithfully, JOHN BENNETT, 97 Woodlands Avenue, Wanstead, E11, August 9.

MAESTRO AMONG MOLE-CATCHERS

Whatever the final outcome of the Cowley Affair, this will have been a benchmark week for British Leyland. Just as the early success of its make-or-buy model, the Maestro, was confirmed - the only worry is that the company cannot shift sufficient metal to the showrooms - BL, its paymaster, the Department of Trade and Industry, and the army of BL-watchers at large, have been uncomfortably reminded of BL's industrial sickness in the 1960s and 1970s with the unearthing of what looked like a concerted attempt to re-create those conditions at its Oxford plant.

It is certainly gratifying to see managers managing and production lines producing BL as a whole is now said to be breaking even, some six months ahead of target. By British standards, given the company's travails of the recent past, that represents a minor economic miracle which can only impress and please those who wish the nation to experience a lasting recovery.

BL management was able to dismiss the Cowley "13" not because of their alleged Trotskyist connections but because, according to the company, their job applications contained falsehoods. The questions remain: could BL have removed them for their political beliefs alone without precipitating protest and action? Would the company have even tried, falsehoods or no, in the industrial climate of the 1970s when the workforce seemed ever ready to down tools at the bidding of Mr Derek Robinson at Longbridge and Mr Alan Thornett at Cowley, two far-left trade union activists since sacked? The answer to the second question is almost certainly "no": the answer to the first is not so clear-cut.

It is fortunate for BL that the management have found evidence of irregularities that has enabled them to behave swiftly and honourably. Happily for BL and the taxpayer, the sacking of the Cowley 13 has not inspired widespread protest. On the contrary, it has been almost universally welcomed as a sign of renaissance health. In the long-run, the best protection against moles is an industrial climate in which, even if they penetrate, they will languish for lack of a following among their fellow workers. The Cowley moles were shopped by the shopfloor. The most cheering element in this week of the moles and the Maestro is that such a climate, however precariously established, is now in evidence at BL.

RELIGION AND THE RATINGS

Viewers of the ITV network will be treated, if that is not too strong a word, to an American light entertainment programme when they switch on their sets at 6 p.m. on a Sunday afternoon in three weeks' time. The Independent Broadcasting Authority has agreed to the insistent pleas of the commercial television companies that religion spells death to the ratings if transmitted at that time. The BBC's holiday and antiques programmes have been winning handsomely over ITV's *Credo* and similar religious output. These will now be tucked quietly away at 2 p.m. It is not easy to regard the authority's decision as having enhanced the quality of British television, or as having properly protected the public interest, which they exist to do. But it is not the only party at fault.

change, and must now be asking itself whether there is much point in its further existence, having been rebuffed on a matter so fundamental to its interests. The committee failed to resist the BBC's similar proposals seven years ago, however, talking too boldly about "religious standing on its own feet" in the assembly of programme schedules. That was permission for the BBC to compete as vigorously as it liked for the early Sunday evening audience, showing its own serious religious output right at the end of the evening. The corporation cannot be praised for its aggressively competitive scheduling against *Credo* and its ilk. Having downgraded its own religious television output, it has now forced the downgrading of its competitors' product.

television networks would dare to argue that religion has no place on television. They are both slaves, however, to the doctrine that ratings are the all-important test of public wants and needs, and that what really matters is to drive the figures upwards at all cost. There is room for debate about the style and content of religious television, and the extent to which it should be given a helping hand in attracting an audience, for instance by what is called "back to back" scheduling. There has been no such debate, however, it has been thrown into the brutal cockpit of the ratings battle, as if that was the only way to decide the issue. Neither the Independent Broadcasting Authority nor the Board of Governors of the BBC should be allowed to let the matter rest: there is a better answer.

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THE ARTS

Half a century ago, in London, Lincoln Kirstein engineered the meeting with George Balanchine which led to the founding of New York City Ballet. Now, as the company prepares for the season opening at Covent Garden on Monday, its 77-year-old general director talks to John Percival in the first interview he has ever given to the British press

The vision that shaped a life's dance

If George Balanchine was the father of American ballet, we had better regard Lincoln Kirstein as the midwife. Appreciably over six feet tall, strongly built, with a craggy head and close-trimmed grey hair, he looks in his dark business suits like a successful lawyer. Yet it was he who, 50 years ago, went backstage at the Savoy Theatre after a performance of Les Ballets 1933 and arranged the meeting with Balanchine at which he made the mad offer to school a company in the new world, started with money from a friend that led to the choreographer's uprooting himself from Europe and making a new home where he became fully newyorkois que les New Yorkers.

New York City Ballet and its predecessors, and with the School of American Ballet, that will be most gratefully remembered. "I'm called General Director but I've never directed anything", he says. It quickly becomes clear that he sees his task as making possible, as far as he can, whatever the artistic director wants. He allows himself some pride in claiming of his relationship with Balanchine: "We never had a contract, we never had a quarrel, we never had much discussion. We just got on with what had to be done."

What kind of company had he hoped for when he invited Balanchine to America? "I couldn't imagine anything other than the Diaghilev Ballet - that, and the 1933 Ballets which I had just seen in Paris and London. Their season was the last of the Diaghilev tradition. The company perhaps were not good, but the ballets were. Brecht and Weill had come to create The Seven Deadly Sins, with Caspar Neher for the designs. There were fine painters to design the other ballets: Tcheliatchev, two by Derain, Bérard... and there was Balanchine's choreography."

Afterwards, Balanchine did not want to have scenery on stage that looks always the same. He came to prefer the stage to be a space simply filled by the dancers, with its appearance varied by changing their disposition upon it. Balanchine invented "the uniform" - the way of dressing the dancers in plain tights that was at first taken to be necessitated by poverty but is now accepted everywhere as a way of showing the dance. His achievement was that he imposed the classical tradition and he insisted on revealing the school of classical dancing."

Although Balanchine is no longer alive, his vision will shape the London season. Nine of the 14 works to be given are his, most of the dancers were chosen by him, and he moulded their style. But Kirstein insists: "You can't freeze a vision. The company must change, will change." It is now under two Ballet Masters in Chief, Peter Martins and Jerome Robbins, and Kirstein points out the vital part Robbins played in New York City Ballet's history. "Jerry kept the company going because, when George was ill (and he had a terrible medical history), people asked 'What would happen if he died?' and they were reassured by the thought that Jerry could take over if need be. So he made it possible to continue just by being there, and everyone assumed that he would one day take over, but time went by and now he is understandably not so interested to be on call from class in the morning until after the night's performance for every problem that arises."



Photograph of Lincoln Kirstein by John Voors

Theatre A murderously harsh reality

Macbeth Barbican

Like Monday night's Arden of Overbury now running in tandem with it, Howard Davies's Macbeth brings a rather bourgeois murderous couple into London from the 1982 Stratford season. There, however, the resemblance ends. In an understandable impulse to strip away the trappings of capital-lettered Evil, director and leading actor have found underneath them a lengthy comic drama from which most of the interest has dried away. Bob Peck is a Macbeth whose ambition, far from being an Aristotelian tragic flaw, will be recognized by any advertising executive or aspiring colonel-dictator in the audience. His short padded leather jacket (costumes by Poppy Mitchell) is as much Jacobean as modern, but he rolls up the sleeves of his collarless shirt to do the murder of Duncan and deliberately seeps Banquo's assassinating wings by scribbling in a ledger, or what can only be described as their job interview.



Revulsion from emotion: Bob Peck, Sara Kestelman

As can happen with self-devised men moving fast, his urticaria breaks up and the passionate embrace that accompanies "Bring forth men children only" has given way to a revulsion from emotional contact; in her sleepwalking scene Lady Macbeth (Sara Kestelman) cries "To bed" as if his inability to feel love were the disease, not the symptom. Earlier she, too, has pathetically paraded the misery of success, crying "For desire is set without content" as she finds a massive fur coat behind her.

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL Sarah C. Hemming introduces Karl Kraus's enormous play The Last Days of Mankind, which receives its British premiere, adapted by Robert David MacDonald, on Sunday

Imperial City unceremoniously defrocked

"The performance of this drama is intended for a theatre on Mars. Theatregoers of this world would not be able to bear it." The opinion is not that of a critic, but of the playwright himself. Yet, despite the apparent finality of Karl Kraus's judgment on his own play, theatregoers of this world, or at least of the small but highly-populated corner of the world that is Edinburgh during the Festival, will be able to see The Last Days of Mankind, receiving its British premiere 61 years after its completion. The production by the Glasgow Citizens' Theatre was chosen by the festival director, John Drummond, as one of the major events celebrating "Vienna 1900", this year's theme. However Kraus is virtually unknown in Britain and his drama treats not of Vienna in 1900 but instead thrusts a satirical spear into the mentality of First World War man. The original text demands a cast of 500 and contains 700 pages of Austrian dialect. Paradoxically, such reservations provide the reason behind the choice. The challenge of performing the drama having been met, the "anti-war" documentary discloses a portrait of Vienna rarely seen.



Line-drawing of Karl Kraus by Oskar Kokoschka; and Robert David MacDonald - "Kraus experts will probably be horrified"

Kraus, professional cynic, held opinions of what might delicately be termed a firm nature, and he published them in a manner that left little doubt as to the degree of firmness with which they were held. He has been seen as a man with a suspicious number of axes to grind, wielded arbitrarily. Yet there was method in his mutilation. Kraus's intent was to expose the double standards preserved in Vienna, "that isolation cell in which one is allowed to scream". Imperial splendour disguised the city with the highest suicide and prostitution rate in Europe. Predicting that the reality behind the facade would result in the downfall of the Empire, Kraus hoped to forestall disaster by revealing the truth. In his "anti-journal", Die Fackel, produced single-handedly for 40 years, he waged uncompromising war against the poets and press of his time. He believed that their abuse of language, perverting the truth in favour of ornamental expression, was indicative of the lack of moral integrity throughout Vienna. His chief weapon was satire. Even Freud came under heavy fire, as being the latest diversion from the real problems confronting the Viennese: "They have the press, they have the stock exchange, now they also have the subconscious!"

Television Sketchy neurosis

Bazaar and Rummage (BBC 1) was dominated by the performance of Frances Tomelty; she has a wonderfully demoted voice, which swoops up and down like that of a peacock on heat. Here she played Gwenda, a busy little thing who runs a self-help group for agoraphobics - although by luring them to a church hall in Acton she might have created a different kind of panic.

Agoraphobia at least makes a change from alcoholism and drug addiction, but there is less to be said for it in dramatic terms. You would need a large open space and a hand-held camera for really effective scenes. Sue Townsend, the writer, preferred to use it as a vehicle for some broad caricature. Gwenda who wanted to "lay hands" on everyone, Katrina who could listen to Barry Manilow all day, and Margaret who looked and sounded like an entire works of art.

The play had its moments, and was a "sympathetic" account of this condition: it was somewhat heavy-handed, however, in its True Confessions style of psychodrama. Agoraphobia is no doubt an unpleasant and sometimes ruinous neurosis, but Bazaar and Rummage tried hard to look on what Gwenda might call "the bright side". There is a whole range of complaints which might now be explored in television comedy: a party of claustrophobics trapped in a Ford Cortina, sufferers from vertigo marooned on Skiddaw... American street life, particularly that of the Bronx, is very successful on television, with that mixture of strange sights halfway between Hogarth and Diane Arbus. The Miracle of Intervale Avenue, in BBC 1's Everyman series, was actually more elegant in tone, with its account of a small Jewish community surviving perilously in the Bronx among drug-pushers and prostitutes. In one extraordinary scene, a service in the derelict synagogue was interrupted by a shooting outside. Only faith could survive in these ruins.

BBCSO/Pritchard Albert Hall/Radio 3

When Sir William Walton died, earlier this year, there was just time to slip a half-programme of his music into the Proms by way of tribute. So on Tuesday, after the customary entrances, the stage lights dimmed and the sounds of his unaccompanied anthem "Where does the altered music go" floated down from the gallery to vague but atmospheric effect. John Pritchard conducted the BBC Singers. Then it was on with the motley, and Sir John Pritchard swept the BBC Symphony Orchestra through the affectionately vulgar Coronation March Crown Imperial, and - most effective of these three miniatures - the tautly neo-baroque Passacaglia from Walton's music for the film Hour 1.

Concerts

briefest of pauses, she managed to reclaim her own violin (which seemed to have been passed around for an expert back-desk man to re-string) and gave a stunning account of the final cadenza. The orchestra seemed on less than top form, and an unaccountable loss of wind principals had difficulty blending and phrasing unanimously. I had looked forward to Pritchard tackling Elgar's First Symphony in the second half, but the same faults recurred, along with blaring, unrestrained brass that dominated every climax. The slow movement's close worked its potent magic, but too much of the rest was effective only in a rather coarse, slack way.

Nicholas Kenyon

While Alistair Anderson brought the real ethnic to the Purcell Room next door, the other half of South Bank Summer Music received folk filtered, for better and for worse, through Ravel and Bartok. After an opera and a piano recital, it was the first real get-together of this year's festival; and the rendezvous was particularly happy in Ravel's Chansons madécasses where Felicity Palmer, Sebastian Bell (flute), Christopher van Kampen (cello) and Tamas Vastory (piano) together found the perfect allusive simplicity for the veiled, suggestive settings of de Parny's Madagascar poems. Felicity Palmer, like Ravel himself, revealed in a wonder-

Music in Portugal

The International Festival of Music which takes place each year on the Costa do Estoril is one of the enormous number of events in Portugal helped on its way by the support of the Gulbenkian Foundation. It seems a slightly odd location for a musical celebration; the Costa embraces a string of holiday resorts stretching from Lisbon to Cascais, a town about 20 miles to the west. Yet although neither cleansingly remote, like a Montepulciano or St Endelion, nor quite as sophisticated as an Edinburgh, the festival attracts a broad mixture of the young, experienced and curious, both from the local population and from further afield. Its mixture includes concerts given by foreign and Portuguese artists; and the courses which run concurrently themselves spawn informal recitals and bring students from as far away as Denmark. What it lacks, however, is any kind of theme, even with so many anniversaries this year presenting themselves for exploitation. That, and a sense of climax as the month progresses, instead of a gradual fizzing out until the final lame-looking chamber concert at the end of August, would have helped to elevate the festival above the commonplace.

Variations without a theme

danced a lame representation of "The World of Albeniz" in a stuffy cinema in Estoril, a bombshell abruptly descended. The festival's major visitors, the Budapest Philharmonic Orchestra, were prevented from coming to Lisbon for financial reasons. Fortunately the soloists booked for them magnanimously agreed to give recitals instead. Margarita Liova rescued Wagner's Wesendonck Lieder by singing the original version with piano, while the cellist Maurice Gendron, originally secured to play Brahms's Double Concerto with Tibor Varga, calmed many an irate soul with his playing of three Bach Cello Suites. The Soloists of Sofia, a small string ensemble, arrived safely and gave a pair of concerts, in churches at Cascais and Estoril, whose hallmarks were originality of programme building. For the second evening we heard a strange concoction of Rameau, Gabrieli, Mozart and Britten's Frank Bridge Variations. Other scheduled visitors included the New York Kammermusik (three oboes and a bassoon), playing works by Schickel and Vento as well as arrangements of older composers; the Michala

Music in Portugal Variations without a theme

Petri Trio with a programme of trio sonatas and Franz Bruggen's Five Studies for solo recorder; the Spanish guitarist Alberto Ponce; and the American violinist Jack Glatzer, who promised an intriguing programme of sonatas by Shostakovich and Prokofiev and Stravinsky's Duo Concertant with his pianist Filipe de Sousa. But musical activity in and around Lisbon is intense, at any rate in quantity, and the festival's administration rightly took the opportunity to show off some of the local talent. In the first of the Gulbenkian Orchestra's two concerts in Estoril the pianist Sequeira Costa was given little chance to make much impression with Falla's Nighls in the Gardens of Spain. This is music that requires the subtlest, most accurate orchestral accompaniment, but here the strings lacked finesse, and ensemble and intonation both needed attention. The conductor, Leon Fleischer, had things no more under control in a suite from Handel's Water Music (with some dreadful horn trills) and in Bizet's Symphony, and the cinema's dry acoustic only accentuated the problems. Discipline was also lacking in

MARKET REPORT

Index continues to climb

The stock market set a record again yesterday, the third in a row, when the FT index closed 3.2 points up at 736. But trading volume was lower than on the previous two days.

The firm trends in New York helped, but once again the main trading interest was in secondary stocks and takeover situations.

Profit takers moved into Associated Newspapers where the price slumped 17p to 383p. Trust Securities was another weak spot at 30p down 11p.

Selected Engineering's acquisition of a stake in Helical Bar sent Helical shares up 8p to 73p. Profit-taking sent Glaxo down 23p to 870p while ICI was unchanged 542p having been down 8p.

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 736.0 FT 100: 79.78 up 0.05 FT All Shares: 464.37 up 0.63... London Close: Sterling \$1.5130 up 45 pts... New York Latest: Sterling \$1.5180... Interest Rates: Domestic rates: Bank base rates 9%... Annual Meetings: AIM Group, Great Eastern Hotel...

Australian entrepreneur holds more shares than Lord Matthews

Holmes à Court builds up 3% stake in Express newspaper group

By Philip Robinson Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian financier and media owner who unseated Lord Grade, the film mogul, as head of ACC now owns 3 per cent of the British newspaper group Fleet Holdings... Mr Holmes à Court is said to have bought more than 18 months ago...



Matthews: "I don't think he will launch a bid"

Mr Holmes à Court as ACC chairman while he was still bidding for the company. Mr Holmes à Court began his bid for ACC owning less than 3 per cent and most of the shares he then held in the television-to-film company did not have votes. Lord Matthews said: "But there is a huge difference between that company and ours. The company was in terrible trouble: ours is not. I think he is just taking a punt - he does that sort of thing."

Institutions eager for £800m tap stock

By Our Financial Staff The gilt market yesterday decided that the new £800m tap was not so expensive after all in the light of a bullish market. The issue was comfortably oversubscribed... The change in sentiment followed Friday's good US money supply figures, which relieved fears that interest rates were set to rise...

£30m John Brown deal expected

By Andrew Cornelius John Brown is expected to agree the final details of a £30m deal to sell its gas turbine division to Hawker Siddeley today... Senior executives from the companies met this morning to put the final touches to the deal which will be announced before John Brown's annual meeting in London on September 9...

Tarmac buys third company for £9m

By Jonathan Clark Tarmac has firmly established itself as Britain's leading producer of sand and gravel with another big acquisition, by its quarrying division... The company was already the country's leading aggregate extraction company but its market position was underpinned by its strength in stone quarrying rather than gravel pits...

Dutch tax evasion inquiry

The Hague (AP-Dow Jones) - Dutch financial institutions have reached an agreement in principle to allow the Finance Ministry to investigate the size of the black economy... Although most Dutch financial institutions are thought to be affected by transactions involving tax evasion, the scale of the problem is still largely unknown...

City Editor's Comment

Is it time to write off the dollar?

Suddenly all the chatter in the foreign exchange markets has been turned on its head. The dollar has started falling sharply if not dramatically, against the Deutschmark, the key rate for traders... Sound reasons appeared immediately to match. American interest rates are falling, it is said, the American boom is slowing down and the interminable rows about the US budget deficit may be resolved...

Helpful straws

Yet there are helpful straws in the wind on interest rates. America's retail sales fell back 1 per cent in July, indicating some moderation of the headlong second-quarter boom... Interest rates have not moved significantly lower. Volatile Eurodollar rates have eased slightly this week and the Federal funds rate edged down...

IMI sells subsidiary

By Susan Bevan McKechnie Metals, a subsidiary of McKechnie Brothers, is paying £6.5m in cash, for IMI's rod and wire subsidiary based in Wotton, near Birmingham... The deal, which is conditional on its not being referred to the Monopolies Commission, would give McKechnie 40 per cent of the British industry which provides components for use in electrical installations and products, motor vehicles and locks...

Shares higher in moderate trading

New York (AP-DJ) - Share prices were moving higher again yesterday but there was little enthusiasm in the increase... The Dow Jones industrial average was up 3 1/2 in early trading... The number of rising issues was slightly ahead of declining stocks...

Johnson Matthey sued in US

New York (Reuter) - Mr Miro Bapic, a Swiss businessman, has sued Johnson Matthey, British bullion dealers, for \$7.5m (£28m) an attorney for Mr Bapic said yesterday... The suit alleges that Johnson Matthey, of London, and others conspired to prevent Mr Bapic, the principal owner of Johnson Matthey Time - a Swiss company not owned by Johnson Matthey - from reaching the world market with platinum wafers and movements...

Progress in Polish debt talks

By Peter Wilson-Smith Banking Correspondent Talks on rescheduling Poland's 1983 debts due to commercial banks may continue in Vienna today... The negotiations are reported to be making good progress but several details have yet to be completed... Of Poland's estimated hard currency debts of \$27bn (£17.8bn), about \$10bn is owed to western banks and the rest is guaranteed or owed directly to western governments...

French Kier abandons £100m project

By Andrew Cornelius French Kier, said yesterday that the company is also seeking damages from the Iraqi government which he claims unfairly called in £26m of advance payment and performance bonds... The company is now trying to pull out the 15 British civil engineers who remain in Iraq out of an initial team of 100 which began building the 21km Baghdad-Abu Ghraib expressway early in 1982...

Offer for Istock cleared, but may be withdrawn

London Brick yesterday cleared the offer for Istock but may be withdrawn next Wednesday when the group releases half-year results... The London Brick/Istock offer is the second Monopolies Commission report to be published since Mr Cecil Parkinson took over as Secretary of State for Trade and Industry... Last week the Commission gave Mr Alan Lewis permission to proceed with a bid for Ilingworth Morris, the textiles group... Mr Parkinson has already said that he wishes to establish more stability in mergers policy after the series of controversial takeover decisions taken by his predecessor, Lord Cockfield...

London Brick puts bid in doubt

London Brick has interpreted this verdict as a blessing for any move it might make into non-fiction... Mr Rowe hinted strongly that his company might be in discussions with other companies in this market... The Commission's verdict would also appear to open up the possibility of a takeover bid for London Brick, which until yesterday would have qualified for virtually automatic reference by the government... Hanson Trust and Tarmac are believed to have built up strategic stakes in London Brick but both refused to comment on their intentions... The Monopolies Commission is studying a £1.5m bid by Hepworth, Ceramic for another company in the non-fiction brick market, Steeley. One theory being canvassed in the stock market was that London Brick might try to buy Steeley's brick interests...

NOTICE

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Interim: Anglo American Industrial Corp., Coralt, Hill and Smith, Johnson Group, Westons, Phillips Lamps (second quarter), Securix Horn, Steinhilber Holdings, Westminster Properties (amended), Final: F. Copson, EID-Parry (India) (18 months figures), A. and J. Geller, McKay Securities, Louis Newark, Reliance Kinwear. Economic Statistics: Cyclical indicators for the UK economy (July). Capital expenditure by the manufacturing and service industries (second quarter - provisional). Manufacturers' and distributors' stocks (second quarter - provisional). UK banks' assets and liabilities and the money stock (July). London dollar and sterling certificates of deposits (July).

NOTEBOOK

Horizon Travel, one of Britain's leading holiday companies, suffered a sharp drop in interim pretax profits from £22.9m to £705,000. Price-cutting by competitors, higher depreciation on aircraft and a drop in interest earnings were the main factors. But Horizon has now abandoned its policy of scoring mid-season price reductions and the full-year results may not be far below last year's £74.3m.

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK • edited by Michael Prest

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Horizon profits slump despite higher turnover

Yesterday's interim results from Horizon Travel, Britain's third biggest package holidays operator, are bad enough with pre-tax profits down two-thirds on a turnover up more than 8 per cent.

In the winter market, Horizon is the Number 2 company and did well last year, extra aircraft depreciations (about £300,000) aircraft hiring (another £400,000) and a drop of some £400,000 in interest earnings largely account for the slashed profits.

There are several questions overhanging performance in the second half. The depreciation factors will apparently still be with Horizon, with decisions to be made on how to finance new aircraft.

The crisis faced by Horizon as its Orion airline operation do not necessarily apply with other operators which have airlines. Intasun Leisure could face a heavier depreciation charge in real terms if only because it is bringing the more expensive 757 aircraft into operation with Air Europe. But Intasun also phases charges over a number of years, thus flattening the immediate accounts.

The other second-half factor is how Horizon is faring in this

Horizon Travel
Half-year to 31.5.83
Pre-tax profit £704,648 (£2.08m)
Stated earnings 1.19p (2.25p)
Turnover £43.8m (£40.45m)
Net interim dividend 0.88p
Share price 143p Yield 3.7
Dividend payable 10.10.83

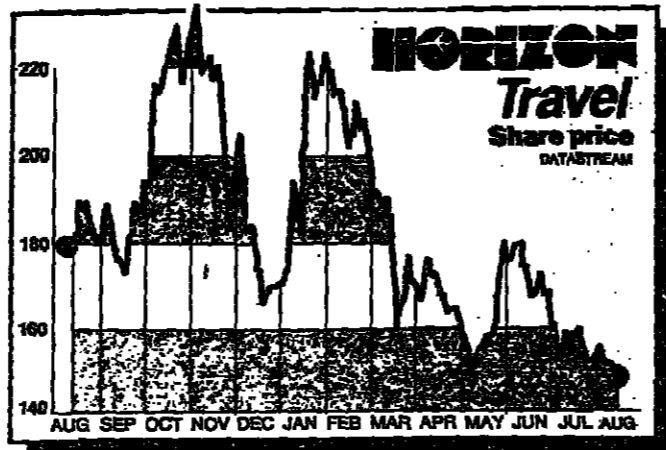
summer's far more price-competitive atmosphere.

Horizon has always made a virtue of its no-discounting policy - reaping the reward of having the best profit margins in the industry until now - and did not join in the price-cutting prompted by Thomson Holidays re-issuing its summer brochures with lower prices.

It seems inevitable that Horizon will carry fewer summer holidaymakers. But for the coming winter, Horizon is joining in the price-cutting with a re-printed brochure offering lower prices.

The full-year result could, nevertheless, be anything between £12m and £13m, against £14.3m last time, especially as it remains to be seen how Orion has been faring with the summer volumes.

The market judgment was to mark Horizon's shares down 5p to 143.5p. Intasun has now passed the Horizon price, finishing 2p up at 151p.



Amex-Allegheny

Having trumpeted the virtues of its \$1bn planned acquisition of the assets of Allegheny Corporation, American Express has now made an undignified withdrawal. The deal is off unless the price can be renegotiated and presumably much reduced.

American Express has given no reasons for its change of heart but it has been widely put about that a study of Allegheny has thrown up a number of problems. In particular, it has been suggested that Allegheny's computerized bookkeeping was

not up to scratch and would need millions spent on it to improve the system.

Another explanation which appears rather more convincing is that American Express has simply concluded that it was paying over the odds. The proposed price would have been nearly three times the book value and 16 times Allegheny's 1982 earnings.

This seems to have alarmed institutional shareholders worried about the short-term impact on American Express's earnings and stock price performance. The word on Wall Street is that institutional

shareholders have put considerable pressure on management to think again.

Price apart, the most interesting thing about the deal was that by taking over Allegheny's main business, Investors Diversified Services, American Express would have considerably expanded its potential market for financial services. IDS is a door-to-door selling operation.

Previously, the thrust of American Express has been at the individual top end of the market - served by the likes of Shearson and Trade Development Bank. There were already doubts whether American Express was wise to be moving into the IDS end of the market.

But the fact that brokers have been prepared to lend the manager either cash or marital, points to the difficulties he has occasionally encountered. These have not been helped by widespread smuggling.

Export quotas were instrumental in changing market sentiment in the early part of the year. But smuggling of as much as 15,000 tonnes, said to be mainly from Thailand to Penang and Singapore, has compromised their effectiveness.

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Tin

After hovering at about £8,600 a tonne for four months, tin prices have come under pressure in recent days. A drop of about £100 has prompted the traditional rumours that the International Tin Agreement buffer stock has run out of cash; and on some days the manager has been inactive.

Certainly, his job has not been made easier by the fluctuations of sterling. The dramatic rise which took tin from £7,400 a tonne to £9,300

in the first three months of this year owe much to the differences between London - the biggest market - and Penang against whose Malaysian ringgit prices the buffer stock manager must measure progress.

Against that, the buffer stock would also have benefited from the increased value of its own holdings, which stood at 50,000 tonnes when the sixth ITA came into force. The notional rise in its value would have enabled the manager to buy another 8,500 tonnes.

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Gaskell Broadloom Half-year to 30.6.83 Trading profit £487,000 (£298,000) Stated earnings 8.2p (loss 1p) Turnover £5.4m (£5.8m) Net interim dividend 1p (same) Share price 84p up 10p, Yield 8%	Comben Group Half-year to 30.6.83 Pre-tax profit £2m (£1.2m) Stated earnings 2.84p (2.43p) Turnover £31.5m (£28.5m) Net interim dividend 1.2p (same) Share price 50p up 2p Yield 7.3%
Scottish, English and European Textiles Year to 30.4.83 Pre-tax profit £812,000 (£951,000) Turnover £10.5m (£10.1m) Net dividend 3.5p (3.3p) Share price 78p up 5p, Yield 8%	T. Clarke Half-year to 30.6.83 Pre-tax profit £383,000 (£287,000) Stated earnings 1.89p (1.4p) Turnover £3.9m (£7.3m) Net interim dividend 7p (6.815p) Share price 91p, unchanged, Yield 5.5%
Glentworth Lawrence Half-year to 30.6.83 Pre-tax profit £22,000 (loss £229,000) Stated earnings 2.5p (loss 10p) Turnover £8.8m (£8.1m) Net interim dividend none (same) Share price 35p, up 1p Yield n/a	Moorfield Trust Half-year to 30.6.83 Pre-tax profit £224,000 (£416,000) Stated earnings 1.52p (1.31p) Turnover £20.0m (£20.0m) Net interim dividend 1p (same) Share price 91p, unchanged, Yield 5.5%

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British Home Stores names two directors

British Home Stores: Mr F H Lister and Mr N McArthur have joined the board. Mr A I Phillips has resigned as a director.

Weir Westgarth: Dr D S Ashburner has become sales and marketing director in succession to Mr E G Parke, who has retired.

Forward Trust Group: Mr A M Tucker has been appointed director of the Midlands region.

Bank Julius Baer & Co: Mr Michael J Bristow has been

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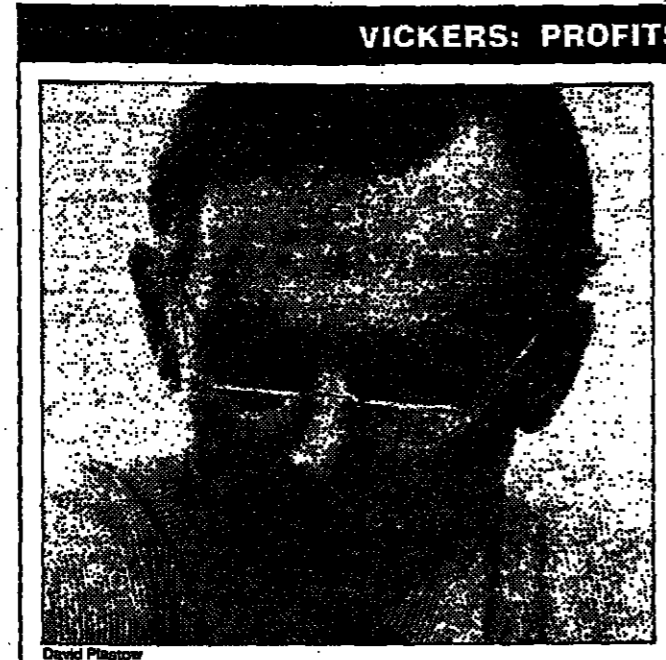
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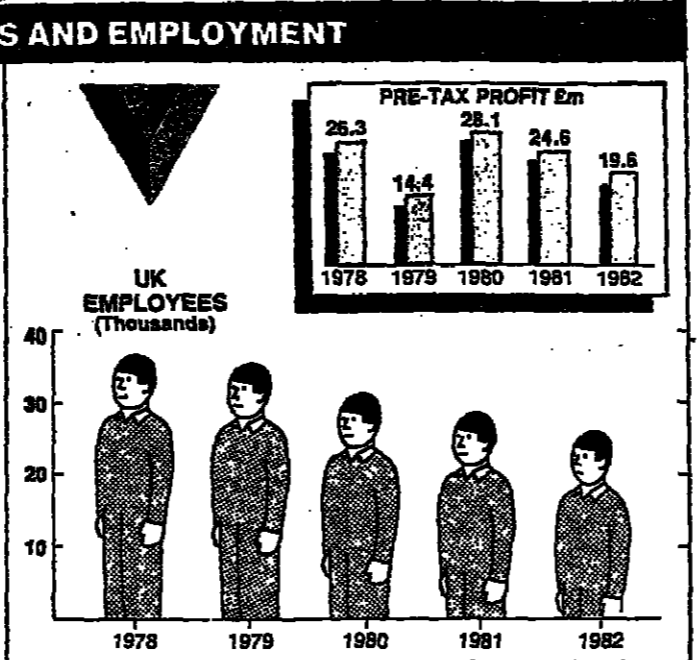
The engineers fight back - 3: Graham Searjeant looks at the transformation of Vickers

Thinking smaller to put a fallen giant on its feet

Vickers is one of the best-known companies in Britain outside consumer industries. It is famous for its machine guns, its ships and nuclear submarines, for steel, for aeroplanes such as the Viscount and VC 10 and engineering works so vast and skilled that no job is too much for them.



Plastow: Vickers is "a medium-sized reasonably international package of interesting businesses"



Plastow is still worried about its machine tool business, Kearney & Trecker Marwin, bought at Government behest as a strategic national asset. It makes advanced machining centres but also makes losses - £1m last year on £22m of sales and probably as much this year.

There is one special reason for Vickers' diminished place in the world. Its steel, shipbuilding and aerospace interests were all nationalized, the two latter on terms which it considers so unfavourable that the company is still appealing to the European Court of Human Rights.

action, which may wait until the economy has picked up more. But, as a City critic points out, "they need to sell before they can afford to spend on their existing businesses" let alone buy back the Barrow submarine yard if the Government decides to privatize it.

Industrial notebook Why failure is still a growth industry

In the first six months of this year, more than 1,000 receivership appointments were made, a figure not much lower than a year earlier and a stark reminder that the recession has not burned itself out.

The Institute of Bankers

SPRING 1983 EXAMINATIONS

- BANKING DIPLOMA 469 Candidates who completed in April, 1983
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CAPTAIN BOTHAM AND SOMERSET equal to a great occasion

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

LORDS: Somerset beat Middlesex by losing fewer wickets. Somerset were a riveting NatWest Trophy semi-final against Middlesex yesterday, beating them at the death after a disastrous start...

Scorecard

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and bowlers. Includes scores for Somerset and Middlesex players.



Back to his best: Botham cutting into Middlesex's lead with relish yesterday. (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Back to his best: Botham cutting into Middlesex's lead with relish yesterday. He had first to shift initiative for a while anyway. Gating was brimming with confidence...

Victory improves her challenge

By Barry Pickhall

Victory '83, Peter de Savary's British 12-metre, strengthened her chances for a place in the final trial to select the challenger for the America's Cup after beating Australia...

Even famous sailors go for a Burton

By John Nicholls

Will Henderson and Sarah Mitchell from the Grantham Flash Sailing Club near Cambridge, were well-deserved winners of an enthralling race for the Sir William Burton Trophy...

Father and son give champions a fright

By Gordon Allen

In an inspired recovery, Mal Hughes and George Turley, of Edon Grove, Hartlepool, were the victors in the English association championships...

BASKETBALL Playing for higher stakes

Between fights and practices, for five days now, most of the England team have been playing cards...

MOORE: JOB AT SOUTHEND Moore goes to Southend as executive

Bobby Moore, the former England captain, has been appointed chief executive of Southend United...

Rampant Kent come through the gloom

By Richard Streton

CANTERBURY: Kent beat Hampshire by 71 runs. Hampshire were unable to overcome awkward batting conditions and collapsed against the seam bowling of Baptiste and Cowley...

including that of Gating, caught at deep mid-off from a delivery which was a beauty. It was Cowans and Williams who reduced Somerset to 52 for five...

RUGBY UNION NZ await answer

By Michael Stevenson

The English and Scottish unions are expected to make a decision on whether they will host a tour, beginning in November, for the All Blacks...

Psychological advantage lies with England

England men's hockey team face Spain today on the artificial turf of the Wembley Stadium, knowing a victory will give them a psychological advantage...

FOR THE RECORD

Table listing various sports records and results, including baseball, basketball, and tennis.

IN BRIEF

England men's hockey team face Spain today on the artificial turf of the Wembley Stadium, knowing a victory will give them a psychological advantage...

Foster's operation puts an end to his season

By Peter Marson

CHELSHAM: The New Zealanders, with 6 first-innings wickets in hand, have scored 321 runs against Essex...

Lenham is saviour for England

SCARBOROUGH: Australia Young Cricketers, with nine first-innings wickets in hand are 142 runs behind England Young Cricketers...

broken finger and while Fletcher and Turner join the ranks of the walking wounded they are expected to be fit for Essex's next championship hurdle against Gloucestershire on Saturday...

RACING: PIGGOTT PLEAS SUPPORTERS ON HIS FAVOURITE COURSE

Maestro's touch wins the Ebor

Prickie's victory in the Lowther Stakes at York yesterday did nothing but good for the sport. At a time when all the talk is about million dollar yearlings and multi-million pound stallions, it was refreshing to watch the daughter of a £100 mare give a decisive beating to Pebbles and Chapel Cottage in the top fillies' race.

Habibti has the right credentials for York championship

At Mamoon's next race was at Ripon where he won the Crabbie Stakes five lengths from Rio Riva who was within an inch of winning his following race at Salisbury. These days you would be hard pushed to find a better horse than Habibti in the country. He is a champion in the making and it is possible to pick holes in his pedigree.

African Joy looks right

The consistent African Joy can win his fourth race of this busy season by fending off Maximova and a strong British entry in the Prix de Meautry at Deauville today.



Cautchen: lost deposit

Cautchen ban upheld for Calver

Steve Cautchen, the 23-year-old jockey who is retained by the Lambourn trainer Barry Hills, lost his appeal against the eight-day suspension imposed by the Salisbury stewards last Wednesday for careless riding.

Ripon coup for Calver

Lester Piggott, who visits Ripon on Saturday for the first time in five years, has been engaged by the local trainer, Pauline Cullen, to partner her in the Great St Wilfrid Handicap. This will be Piggott's first mount for the Ripon trainer.

York

Draw: No advantage [Television: (TV) 2.35, 3.10 and 3.40 races]
2.0 DOUBLE: 3.10, 4.10, 2.35, 3.40, 4.40
2.0 PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES (2-y-o: £5,810; 5f) (8 runners)

York results

(3.10) TOTE-EBOR HANDICAP (27,582; 1m 1.15)
JUPITER ISLAND B G by Paddy's Moat's Thoroughbred 4-30, J. Piggott (B-1) 1
Abebe 4-30, J. Piggott (B-1) 1
Khan 4-30, J. Piggott (B-1) 1

Yarmouth

2.15 WELLINGTON PIER STAKES (2-y-o: £1,035; 7f) (11 runners)
1 1940 AHMAD M Agha 9-0 A Murray 14
2 1941 BISHOP'S B G 9-0 A Murray 14
3 1942 BISHOP'S B G 9-0 A Murray 14



Two heads are better than one is the view of Scotland's McAllister and Mann. (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Parkin can add to his golden year

Phillip Parkin will surely be the centre of attraction on several counts at Sunningdale these next three days. He enters the British Youth's (under 23) golf championship over 72 holes of the New Course not only as the only previous winner of the title, but also as a British representative, along with Nick Faldo, in the old-fashioned World Series at Akron, Ohio, next week.

Yarmouth results

2.15 BOTTON BROTHERS STAKES (sides: £1,202; 10f)
1 1940 AHMAD M Agha 9-0 A Murray 14
2 1941 BISHOP'S B G 9-0 A Murray 14
3 1942 BISHOP'S B G 9-0 A Murray 14

Yarmouth results

4.15 PEDDARS CROSS STAKES (2-y-o: maidens: £1,035; 6f) (13)
1 1940 AHMAD M Agha 9-0 A Murray 14
2 1941 BISHOP'S B G 9-0 A Murray 14
3 1942 BISHOP'S B G 9-0 A Murray 14

Yarmouth results

4.45 MAGDALEN ESTATE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,388; 1m) (12)
1 1940 AHMAD M Agha 9-0 A Murray 14
2 1941 BISHOP'S B G 9-0 A Murray 14
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Devon & Exeter

2.45 DAWLISH HURDLE (3-y-o novices: £282; 2m 1f) (5)
1 1940 AHMAD M Agha 9-0 A Murray 14
2 1941 BISHOP'S B G 9-0 A Murray 14
3 1942 BISHOP'S B G 9-0 A Murray 14

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3.15 WHITSTONE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HURDLE (handicap: £888; 2m 1f) (5)
1 1940 AHMAD M Agha 9-0 A Murray 14
2 1941 BISHOP'S B G 9-0 A Murray 14
3 1942 BISHOP'S B G 9-0 A Murray 14

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4.45 CHURCHTOWN BOY CHASE (novices: £1,054; 2m 1f) (10)
1 1940 AHMAD M Agha 9-0 A Murray 14
2 1941 BISHOP'S B G 9-0 A Murray 14
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York selections

2.0 Probrajenka, 2.35 Pandange, 3.10 Habibti, 3.40 Al Mamoon, 4.10 Elysian, 4.40 Spanish Fly, 5.10 Tom Otker.

Yarmouth selections

2.15 Imperial Salute, 2.45 Shoot Clear, 3.15 Nebha, 3.45 Oak Ridge, 4.15 Innamorato, 4.45 Help.

Devon & Exeter

2.45 Golden Match (3-1), 2.45 Heaven Hill (7-1), 3.15 Sweet As Pie (20-1), 3.45 Royal Salute (5-1), 4.15 Royal Salute (5-1), 4.45 Royal Salute (5-1).

EQUESTRIANISM

Girls with 'military' aspirations
From Jenny MacArthur
Eleven nations, including Bulgaria, Poland and the Soviet Union, are contesting the team event for the European three-day event championships at Eastbourne.

TENNIS

Rage gets the better of Shann
By Lewine Mair
Far from leaping the net to congratulate his opponent at the end of a three set match in the third round of the 18 and under Premier Junior grass court championships at Eastbourne, David Shann tossed his racket over the umpire's chair.

EQUESTRIANISM

Major Wallace has let the team work out among themselves the best order in which to ride. Diana Chapman on Windhammer goes first, followed by Mrs Clarke on Dazzle with Virginia Holgate and Night Cap in the crucial fourth position.

First acceptors

VERNON SPRING CUP: Albert, Albert Taylor, A. La. Val. Albert, Albert Taylor, A. La. Val. Albert, Albert Taylor, A. La. Val.

First acceptors

1983-84: Billy's Hero M Thompson 9-11-3, J. Piggott (B-1) 1, Abebe 4-30, J. Piggott (B-1) 1, Khan 4-30, J. Piggott (B-1) 1.

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Philip Schofield: the perils of encouraging personal ambition at the expense of team spirit. Employers expect their staff to be ambitious. They ask for it in their recruitment advertisements...

Growth of the half-pint breweries

Elisabeth Baker looks at locals serving the locals. The choice of location is vital. The West Country now has a surfeit of small brewers, and the South-East and Midlands are well supplied...

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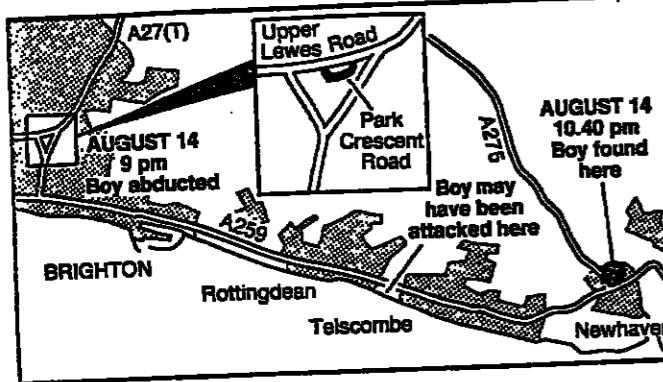
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UN chief off to South Africa to seek ceasefire

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York
Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the United Nations Secretary-General, will visit South Africa, Namibia and Angola next week with the intention of arranging a ceasefire between South African forces and guerrillas of the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) as a first step toward Namibian independence.

Police appeal to gays over boy's assault

Continued from page 1
Detectives have pledged confidentiality to homosexuals who help to track the gang. The police confirmed that inquiries were going on among Brighton's 19,000 homosexual community, who have been assisting.



Three killed as coach is wrecked on motorway



Firemen rescuing the lorry driver. He later underwent a five-hour operation.

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ously over a 20-foot drop. Firemen cut some of the passengers free. The lorry driver was later said to be very seriously ill after a five-hour operation.



One of the injured being carried to an ambulance.

Letter from Ito Wreaths and miniskirts for a blue-eyed samurai

To the citizens of Ito: Here then while Shakespeare yet was with us, came an Englishman to win a different fame. And with his different skill, to find a place in the long chronicles of Nippon's race. How gladly I, after three hundred years, come where Will Adams led the pioneers of ship design in Ito.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

- General Play Day 1983, Norfolk Park, Sheffield, 10.30 to 3.30. Open air art exhibition, Park Walk (adjacent Gold Hill), Shaftesbury, 11 to 5.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,211

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

- ACROSS 1 Mark's play? (5). 2 Drier, drier, perhaps (5-4). 3 Nine half lines woman composed (9).

- DOWN 1 For example, iron suitable for the plinth perhaps (4,5). 2 Ready for engagement with members? (5).

New books - paperbacks
The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week. Includes Democracy and Oligarchy, translated with introductions and commentary by J. M. Moore.

The papers

The Daily Mirror libels the case of the Briton who is being refused entry to the United States by Customs officials because he doesn't have a visa to climb Everest and find no one at home.

New exhibitions

Art of the Mastercraftsmen, selection of pre-Columbian ceramics of Peru, City Art Centre, 2 Market Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1DE, Mon to Sat, 10 to 5, closed Sun (until Oct 1).

Anniversaries

John, 1st Earl Russell, Prime Minister, 1846-52, 1865-66, was born in London, 1792. Deaths: Genghis Khan, Mongolia, 1227.

Weather forecast

An anticyclone over SE England will drift NE while a trough of low pressure moves slowly N over N Scotland. 6 am to midnight. London, SE, E, central S, NW, NE, coastal N, England, East Angles, Midlands, Central Highlands, Wales, Lake District, Northern Ireland: Fog patches at first, sunny or clear periods mainly 5 to 8 light; max temp 23 to 26C (73 to 79F).

Roads

London and South-east: A126, Coggeshall bypass, Essex, temporary traffic lights in use; A281, dry traffic lights in use; A281, temporary signals in use at Bucks Green, Sussex; A3212, Chelsea Embankment narrowed at junction with The Street.

The pound

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies: Australia \$ 1.78, Austria Sch 29.20, Belgium F 33.25, Canada \$ 1.50, Denmark Kr 8.89, Finland Mkk 14.30, France Fr 6.55, Germany DM 145.00, Greece Dr 11.35, Hongkong \$ 10.00, Ireland P 7.26, Italy Lira 2465.00, Japan Yen 387.00, Netherlands Gld 4.64, Norway Kr 11.41, Portugal Esc 200.48, South Africa R 1.59, Spain Ptas 231.00, Sweden Kr 12.28, Switzerland Fr 2.25, USA \$ 1.49, Yugoslavia Dur 157.00.

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Life savers

The RNLI is appealing to returning holidaymakers for some of their spare foreign change for a fund believed to be about £40m of it - to buy a new lifeboat.

Grant aid

Call-a-Course, the nationwide "clearing-house" service giving college and university information, opens on Capital Radio on Monday.

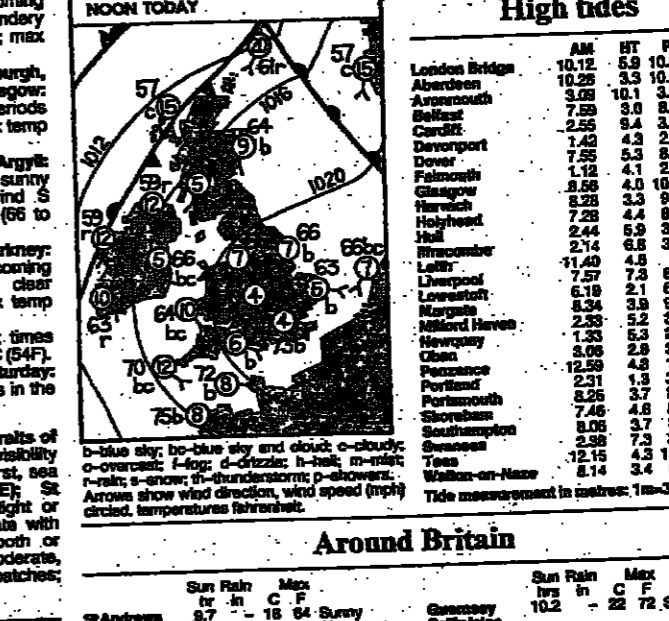


Table showing high tide levels for various locations: London Bridge, Aberdeen, Ayr, Belfast, Bournemouth, Cardiff, Dover, Exeter, Glasgow, Harwich, Liverpool, London Bridge, Liverpool, Manchester, Newport, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Southampton, Swansea, Tides on the River.

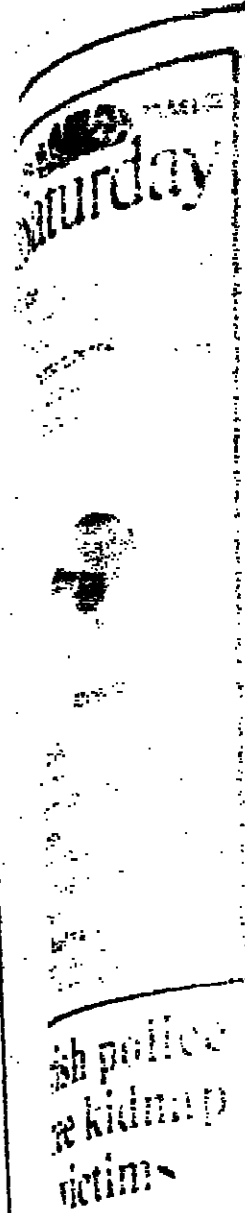
Table showing sun and moon rise and set times for various locations: Sun rises 5:50am, Sun sets 8:10pm, Full Moon August 22.

Table showing lighting-up time for various locations: London 8.05 pm to 8.31 am, Bristol 8.56 pm to 8.27 am, Edinburgh 8.14 pm to 8.29 am, Glasgow 8.06 pm to 8.24 am.

Table showing yesterday's weather for various locations: London, Manchester, Birmingham, Glasgow, Belfast, Cardiff, Exeter, Harwich, Liverpool, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Southampton, Swansea, Tides on the River.

Table showing London's weather for various locations: London, Manchester, Birmingham, Glasgow, Belfast, Cardiff, Exeter, Harwich, Liverpool, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Southampton, Swansea, Tides on the River.

Table showing abroad's weather for various locations: Madrid, Paris, Rome, Athens, Moscow, Tokyo, Sydney, Melbourne, Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane, Cairns, Darwin, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney, Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane, Cairns, Darwin, Hobart.



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